

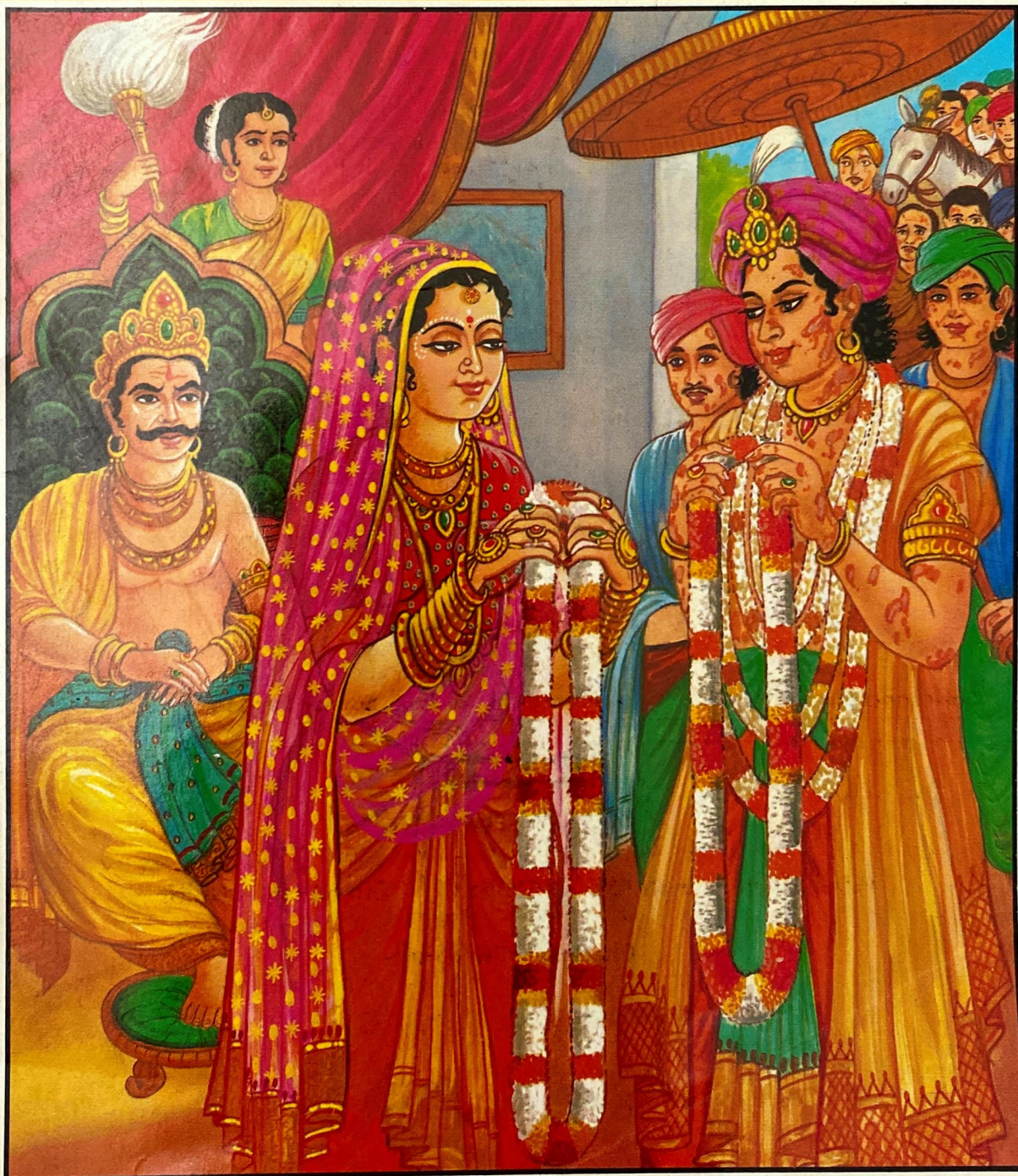
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THE MIRACLE OF SIDDHACHAKRA

The strength of intellect is hundred times greater than the physical might, and thousand times greater is the strength of Pragna (wisdom) but infinite is the strength of the soul. The strength of the soul is also called the Spiritual Strength. Those deeds which an ordinary man can't even think of achieving, is easily achieved by one whose spiritual strength is awakened. That's why those impossible deeds and achievements are known as miracles by the human.

Navkar Mahamantra is the eternal, everlasting stream of spiritual strength. By Navkar Mantra one can remember Panch Parmeshthi and the soul can enjoy that feeling. Along with these five stanzas there is a novel importance of the four stanzas in the form of Gyan-Darshan-Charitra-Tap and that's why it is also called Navpad. Worshipping of Navpad has great importance in Jain tradition. The figure showing the composition of Navpad is famous in the form of Siddhachakra. That's why meaning of worshipping Navpad and Siddhachakra are same i.e. to remember the self by worshipping the supreme powers.

Mainasundari worshipped Navpad before thousands of years. Mainasundari is the symbol of unbelievable self confidence, total devotion and dedicating strength of knowledge towards karma theory. She showed the world that the soul itself is responsible for its happiness and sorrow and has to bear its own fruits.

She has brought harmony between knowledge and practice in her life. Along with the faith in religion, an ideal of devotion towards husband, and living stable life free from tension of sorrow and happiness is what one learns from Mainasundari. Mainasundari's self confidence and faith in Navpad did not move even in times of trouble and fear. She learned the rituals of worshipping Navpad from knowledgeable gurus and by ~~m~~editating on it and practising it, whatever miracles she experienced, the whole world bowed down to her.

Mainasundari's pure devotion towards Navpad has become an ideal for many, so today also thousands of followers follow this in the form of Navpad Oli and experience prosperity in happiness and peace.

In the present story 'The Miracle of Siddhachakra', a part of the life of Shreepal-Mainasundari is presented. Upadhyay Muni Shree Kanhaiyalal ji Maharaj Kamal's intelligent student Shree Vinay Muni ji has presented the interesting story of worshipping Siddhachakra i.e. Navpad.

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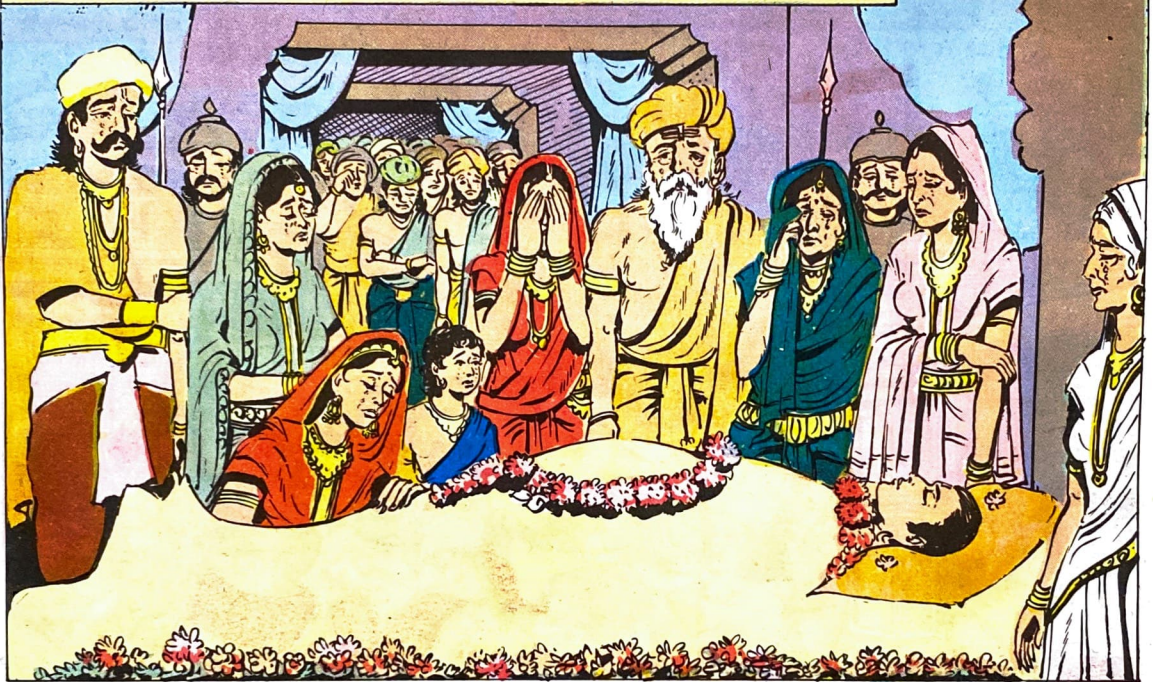
The king Sinharath ruled over Champa city. His queen Kamalprabha gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. The king grandly celebrated the birth ceremony of the son as he was born after many pledges.*



* Offerings pledged to a deity on fulfillment of some desire.

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When Shreepal was hardly eight, his father died. Everybody in the palace were sad and grieving due to the king's death.



King Sinharath's younger brother was Ajitsen. He thought of taking advantage of the situation and thus conspired with his group.

Now the whole royal family is afflicted with grief, taking advantage of the situation, we should take control of the kingdom.

And we should keep the queen and the prince in the prison at some secret place....

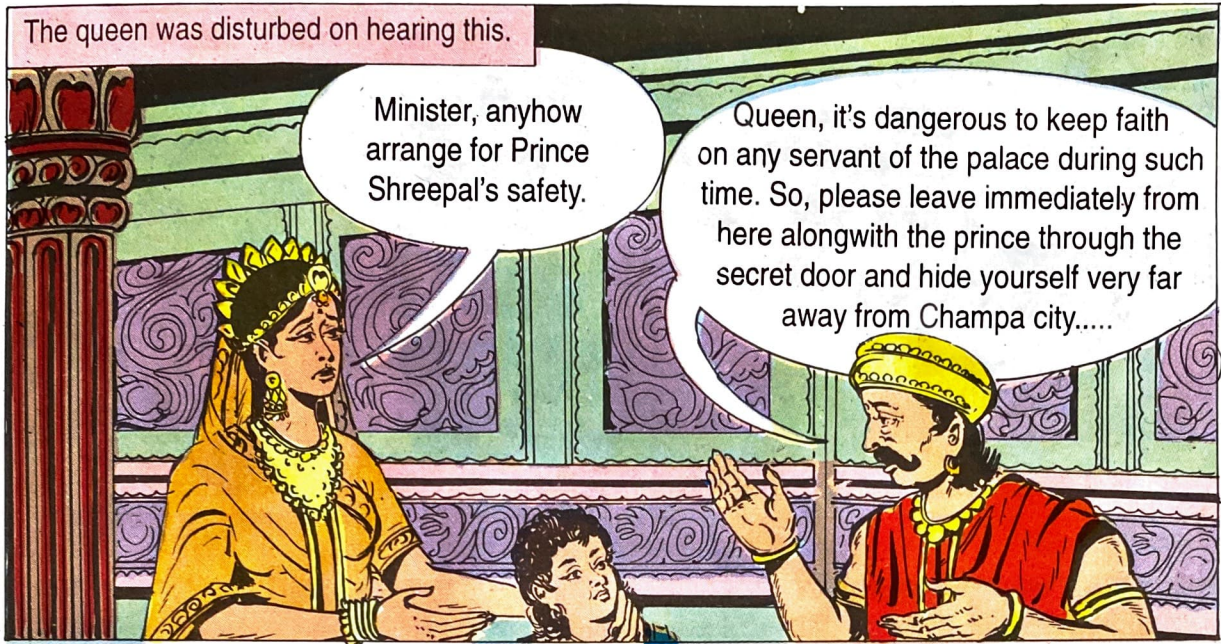


One faithful servant of the palace informed about the vile plan to the minister Matisagar. Matisagar soon went to the queen Kamalprabha and said-

Queen! Our own people have become our enemies at this critical time. The king's younger brother Ajitsen is planning to kill you and the prince to capture the kingdom.



The queen was disturbed on hearing this.



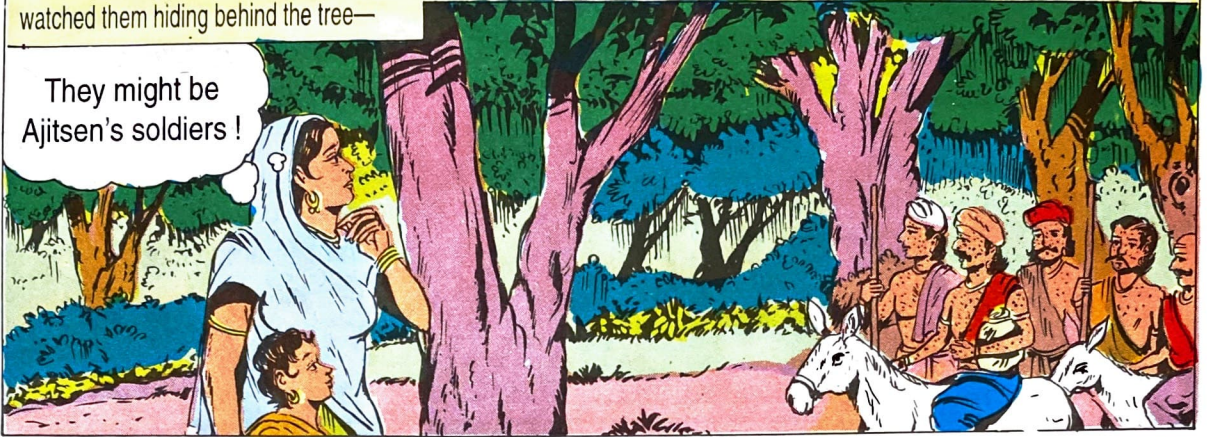
As per the minister's arrangement, the queen, alongwith the prince, left through the secret door to the forest at night. The queen was stumbling, falling and getting up again, wandering in the wild forest holding the prince's finger in the dark night .



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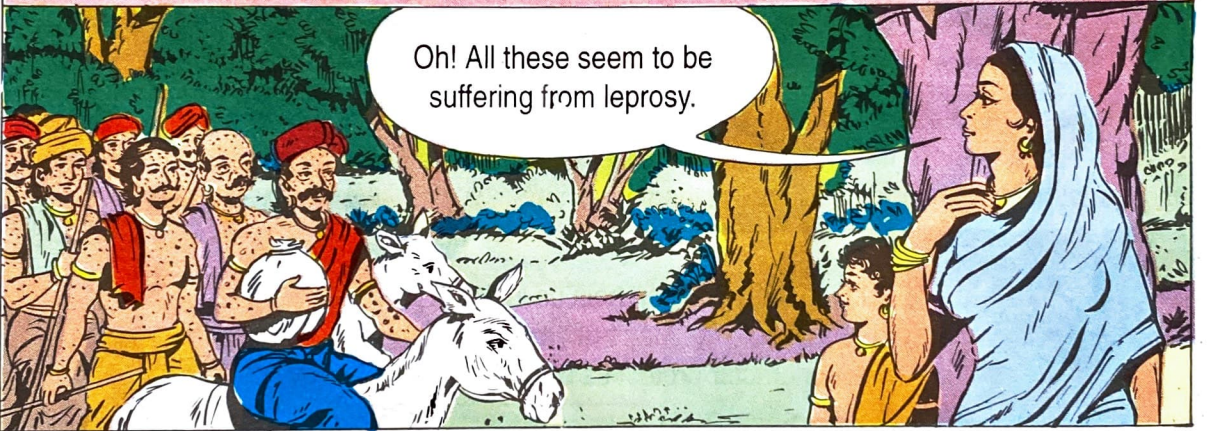
While wandering in the forest, the queen saw a group of hundreds of people coming towards her. She got frightened and watched them hiding behind the tree—

They might be
Ajitsen's soldiers !



When they came closer she saw that they were not soldiers but a group of sad and diseased people.

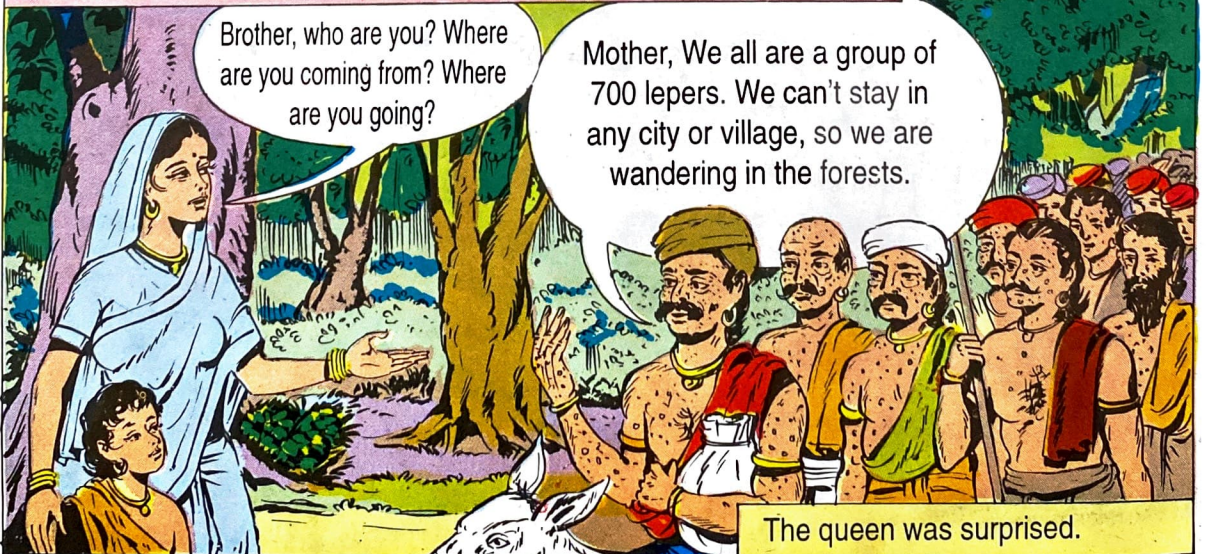
Oh! All these seem to be
suffering from leprosy.



A suffering person can understand the pain of others better. The queen came forward and asked—

Brother, who are you? Where
are you coming from? Where
are you going?

Mother, We all are a group of
700 lepers. We can't stay in
any city or village, so we are
wandering in the forests.

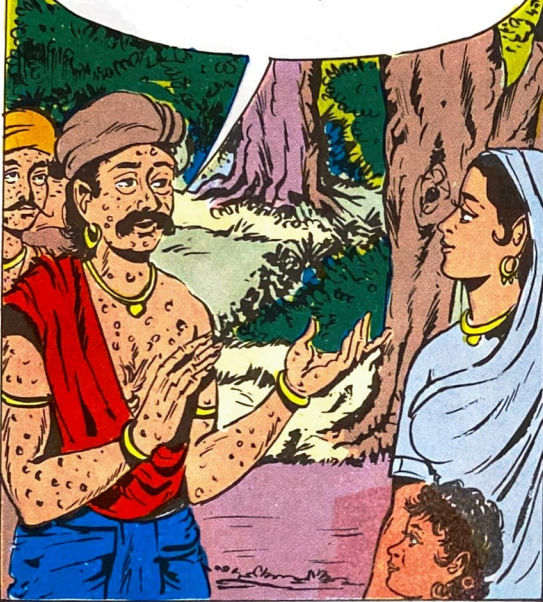


The queen was surprised.

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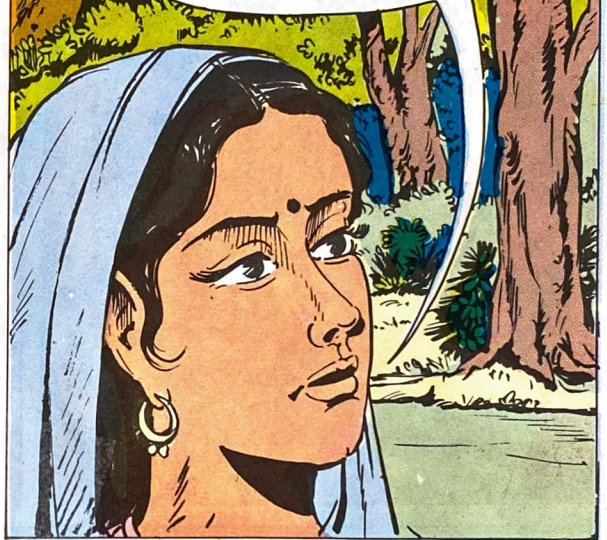
The leader of the group asked-

Mother, we are sad diseased people. Wandering in the forest is our fate, but you seem to be coming from a noble family. What's your problem.... ?



The queen tried to hide herself and said-

Brother, I'm also from a good family but today I'm wandering alone due to my bad luck. If you permit, I wish to join you.



The leper leader said-

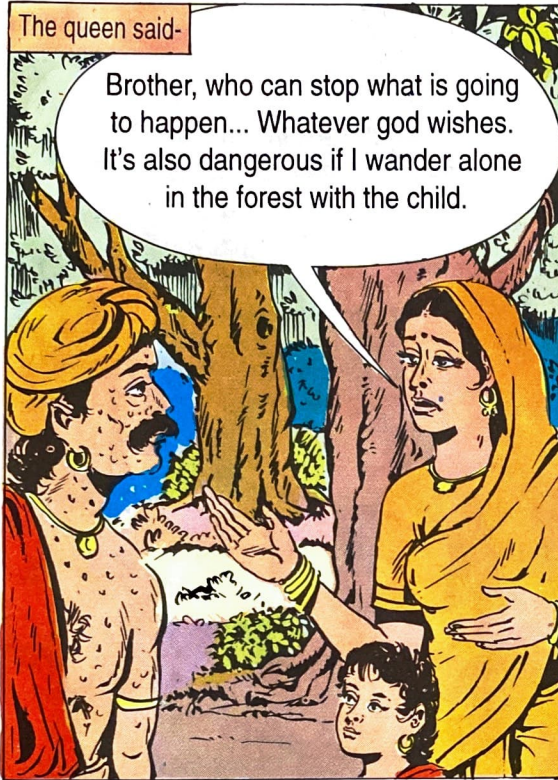
But mother, this princely child is with you. If he also gets infected due to our contact then? Please don't do that...



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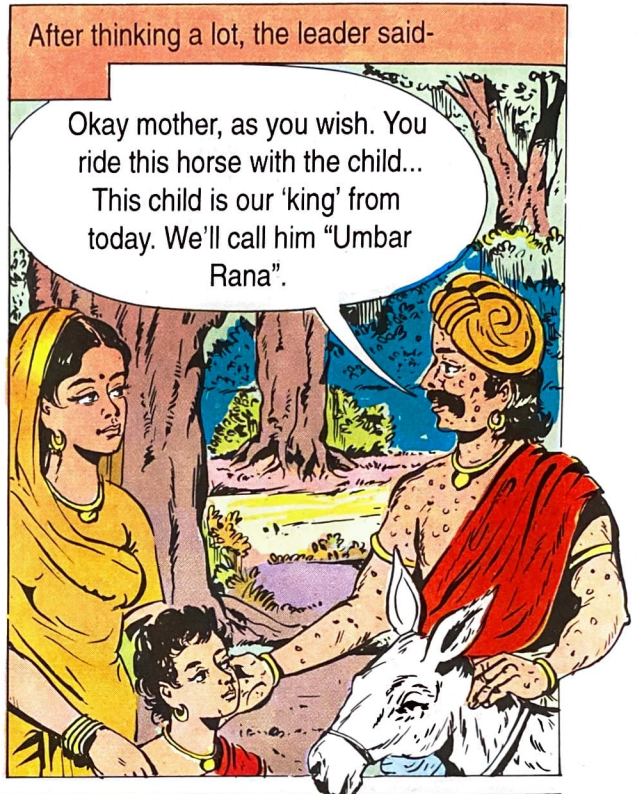
The queen said-

Brother, who can stop what is going to happen... Whatever god wishes. It's also dangerous if I wander alone in the forest with the child.



After thinking a lot, the leader said-

Okay mother, as you wish. You ride this horse with the child... This child is our 'king' from today. We'll call him "Umbar Rana".



The queen covered Shreepal with her saree and sat on the horse and started the journey. Within sometime Ajitsen's soldiers came there. Seeing the lepers, they asked from the distance-

Hey! have you seen any woman with a child going from here...?



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Lepers surrounded the soldiers and said-

We haven't seen anyone here, you can search if you doubt us...

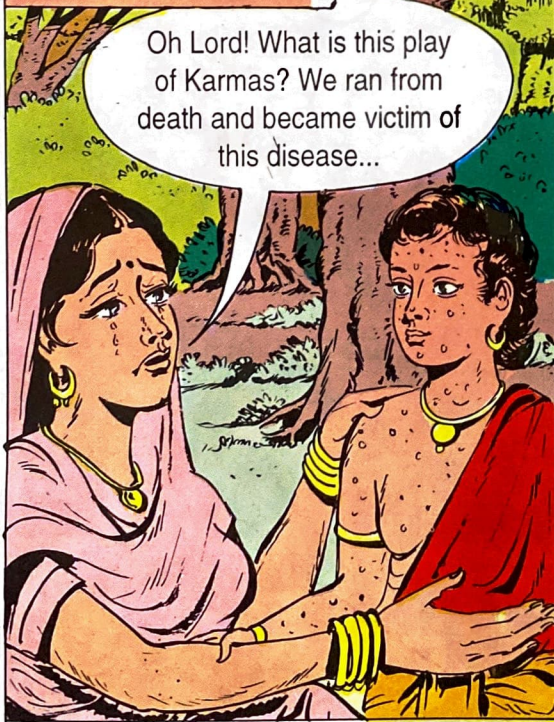
Go away, go away...
Don't touch us-



The soldiers went ahead.

After few days, Prince Shreepal became the victim of leprosy due to the contact with the lepers. Seeing this the queen's eyes were filled with tears.

Oh Lord! What is this play of Karmas? We ran from death and became victim of this disease...



One day the queen thought-

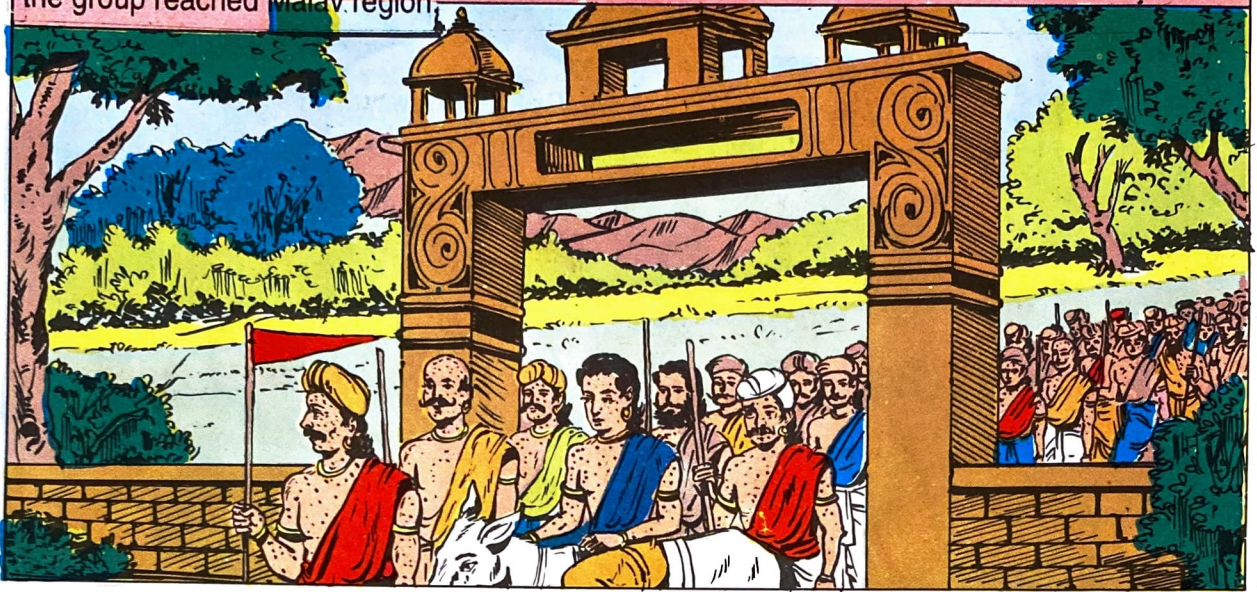
There are many miraculous herbs in this forest, I should search for one which can cure my child.



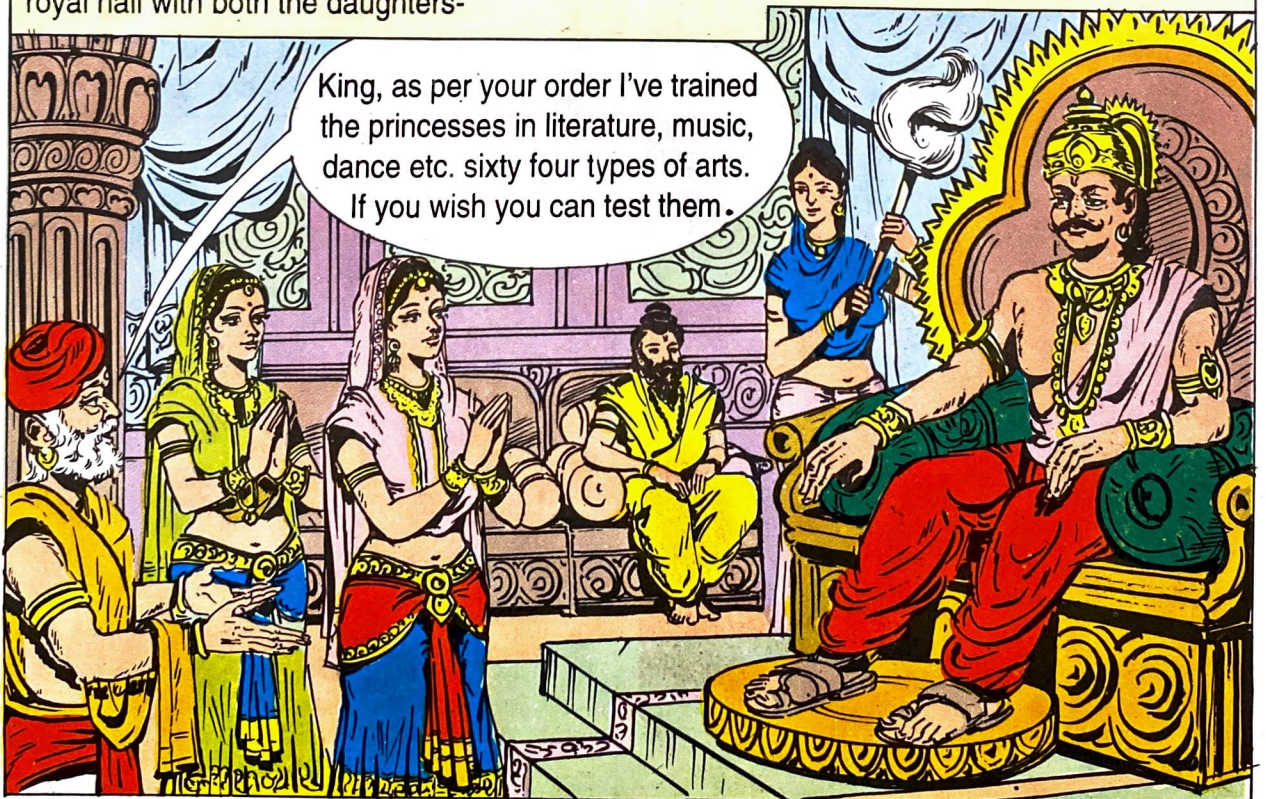
The queen leaving the prince with the lepers went to the forest alone.

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The group of leprous people wandered in the forest for many years with the prince. One day the group reached Malav region.



King Prajapal ruled over Ujjayini, the capital of Malav. He had two queens, Saubhagyasundari and Roopsundari. Saubhagyasundari was proud. Her daughter's name was Sursundari. Roopsundari was clever and religious. Her daughter's name was Mainasundari. The king had appointed a teacher for the training of both the daughters. One day the teacher came to the royal hall with both the daughters-

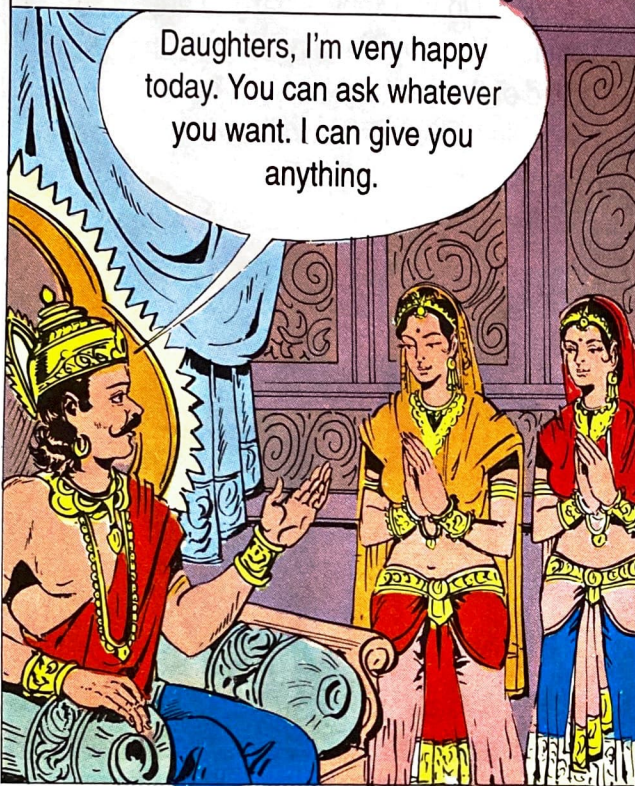


King, as per your order I've trained the princesses in literature, music, dance etc. sixty four types of arts. If you wish you can test them.

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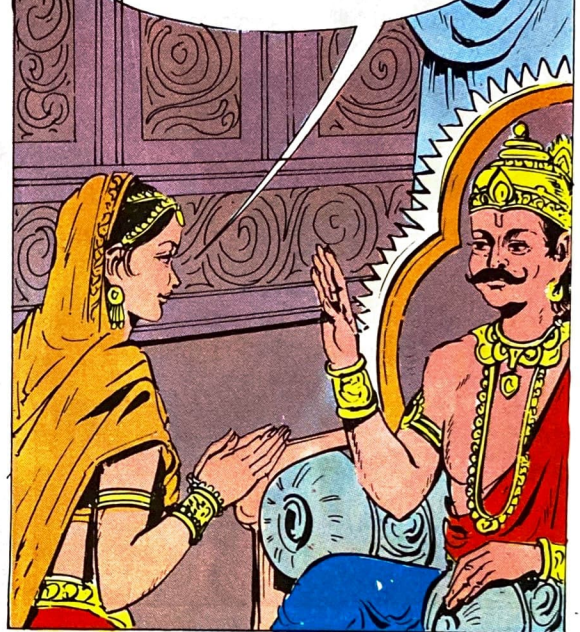
The king honoured the teacher and tested both the daughters. The king was satisfied when both the daughters passed the test. The king said—

Daughters, I'm very happy today. You can ask whatever you want. I can give you anything.



The elder daughter Sursundari said—

Father, there are only two people in the world who can give life, one is rain and the other is the king. That is why I want only your blessings and that will make me happy.



The princess's answer made everyone happy—

Vow! Vow! How clever and understanding she is!



The king also was happy with Sursundari's answer.

Seeing Mainasundari silent, the king said—

Daughter Maina! Why are you silent? You also ask for something. I'll give you whatever you ask...



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Maina said with seriousness -

Father, please forgive me. I don't want to keep you in the dark by telling something sweet.

The truth is that the human-being gets happiness and sorrow according to his karmas. The pity arising from asking and pride arising from giving both are useless.



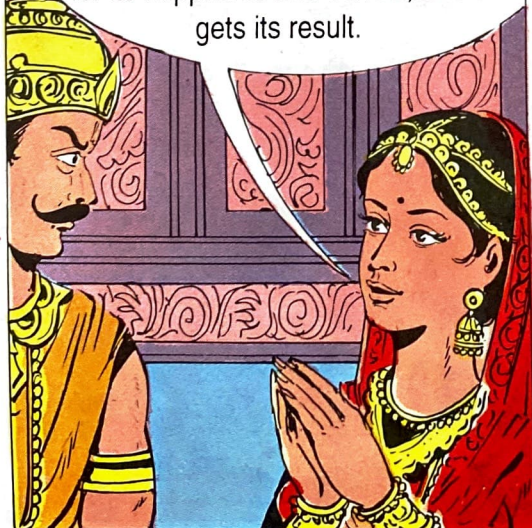
Everyone in the royal hall was shocked on hearing Maina. The king got wild.

Maina! Do you know what you are talking? The king is suppose to be the god of the earth... You don't invite trouble for yourself by talking such silly things.



Maina said respectfully-

Father! Don't get angry. I've read this in the religious books and I've faith in it. The soul itself is responsible for its happiness and sorrow, and it gets its result.



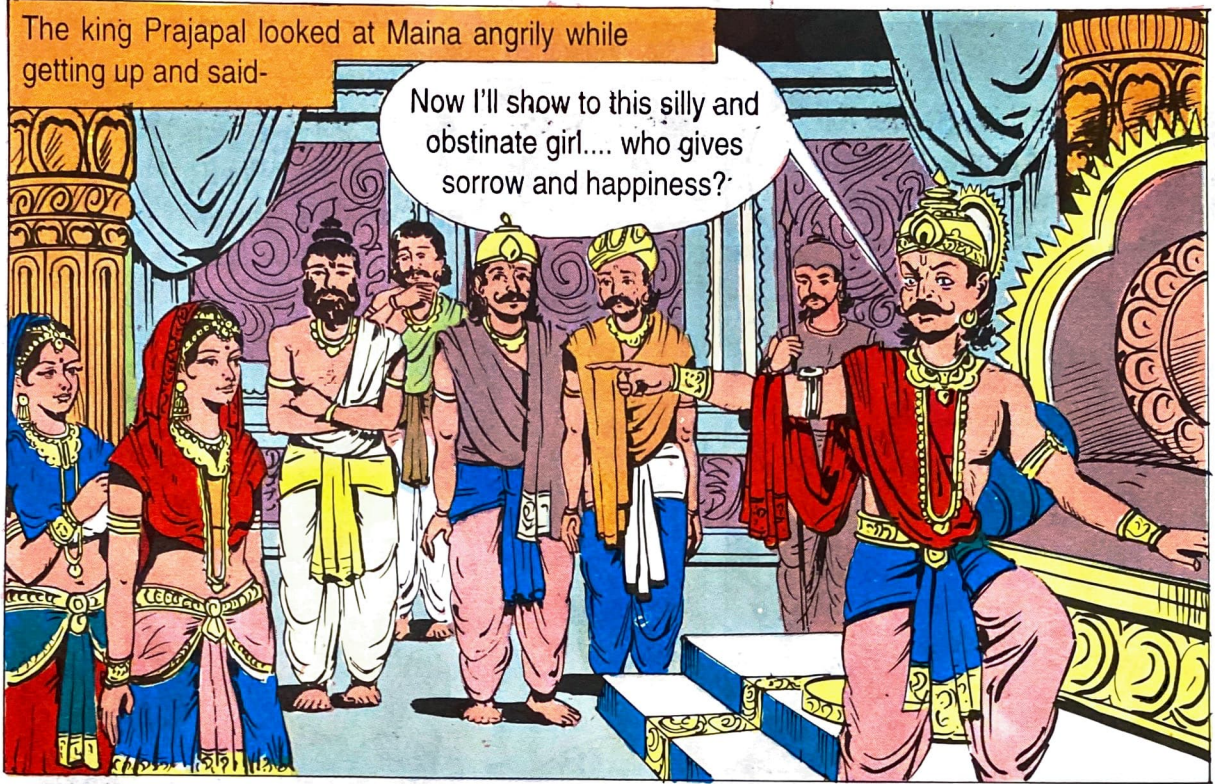
The king Prajapal was very angry. Everyone in the royal hall started gossiping. The clever minister could sense the situation worsening, so he requested the king-

My lord! Now it's time for visiting the garden. You leave these discussion for tomorrow.



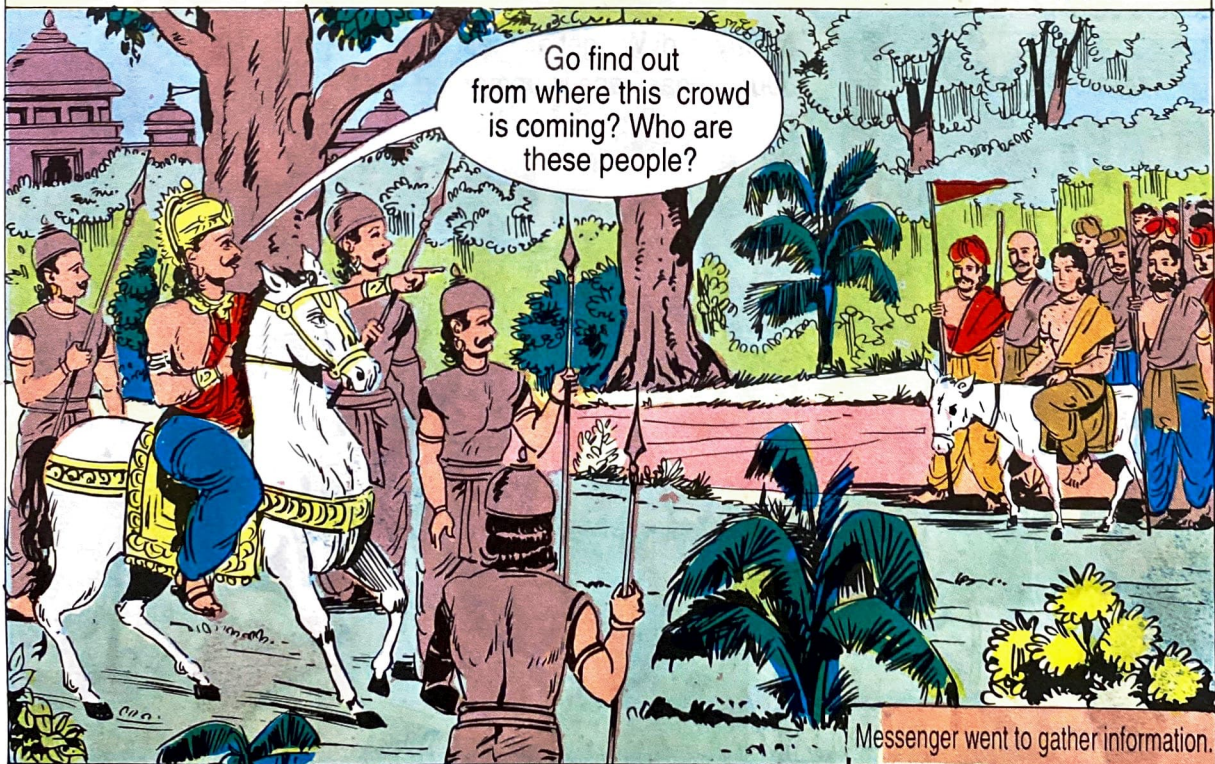
The king Prajapal looked at Maina angrily while getting up and said-

Now I'll show to this silly and obstinate girl.... who gives sorrow and happiness?



The king Prajapal went towards the garden riding on the horse with the soldiers. The large group of people were seen walking towards him. One man was walking with the flag in the front. Prajapal told his messenger—

Go find out from where this crowd is coming? Who are these people?



Messenger went to gather information.

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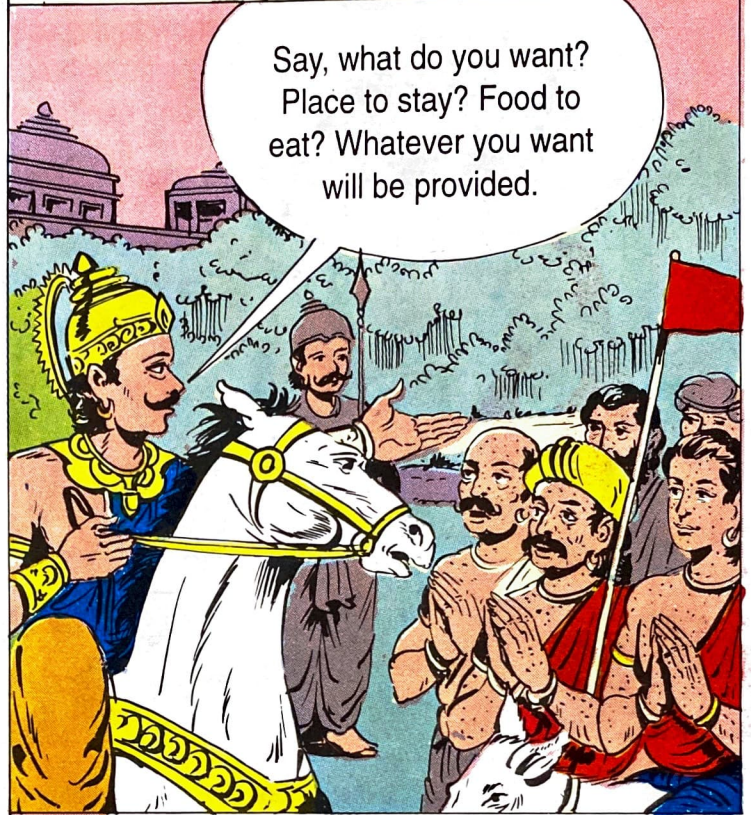
On returning, the messenger informed the king—

My lord! It's a group of 700 leprous people. They have come here with some expectation from you.



The king called them near him.

Say, what do you want? Place to stay? Food to eat? Whatever you want will be provided.



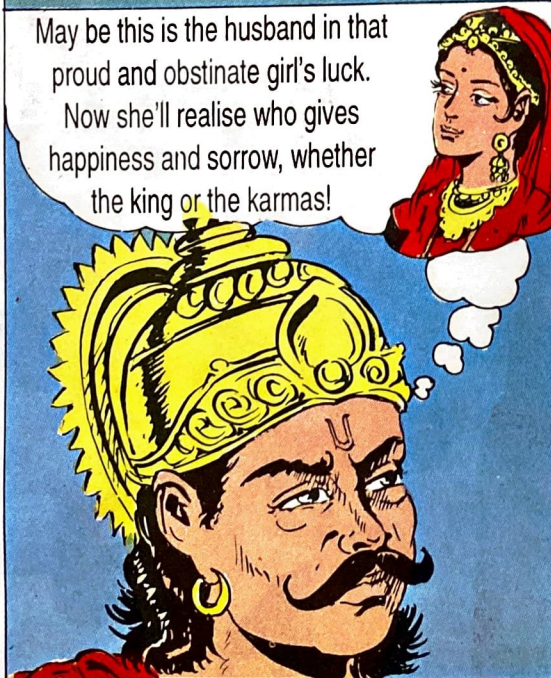
Lepers said—

No my lord! We get all these things. Our Umbar Rana is unmarried, we want a queen for him...

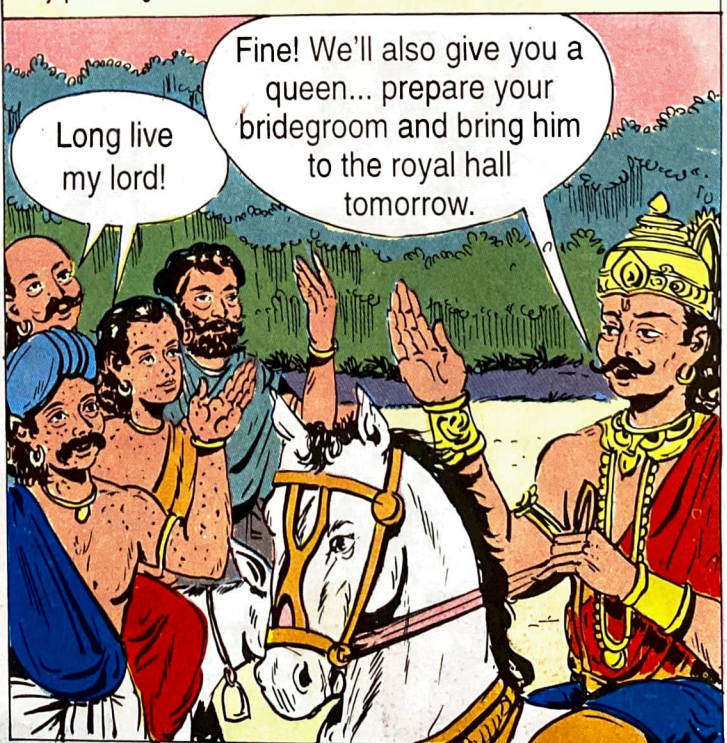




The king Prajapal's ego was awakened to hear his praise. He remembered Mainasundari.



Prajapal thought for a while, then told the leader of the leprous people-

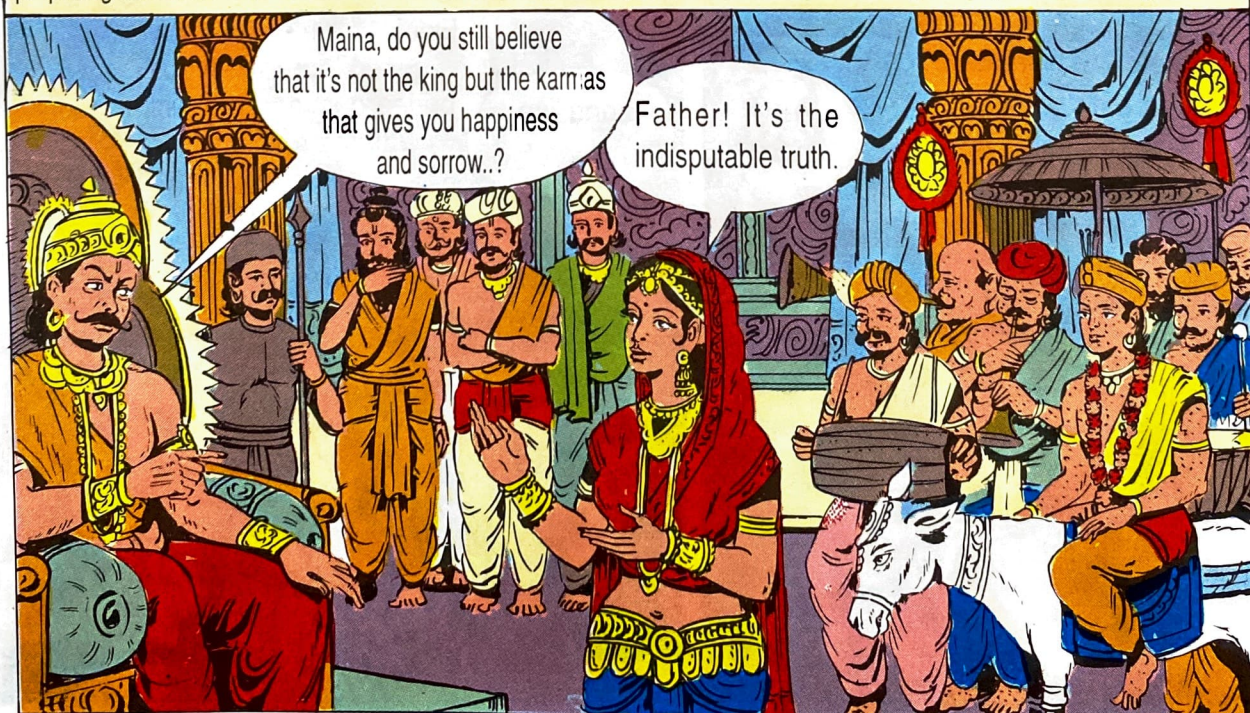


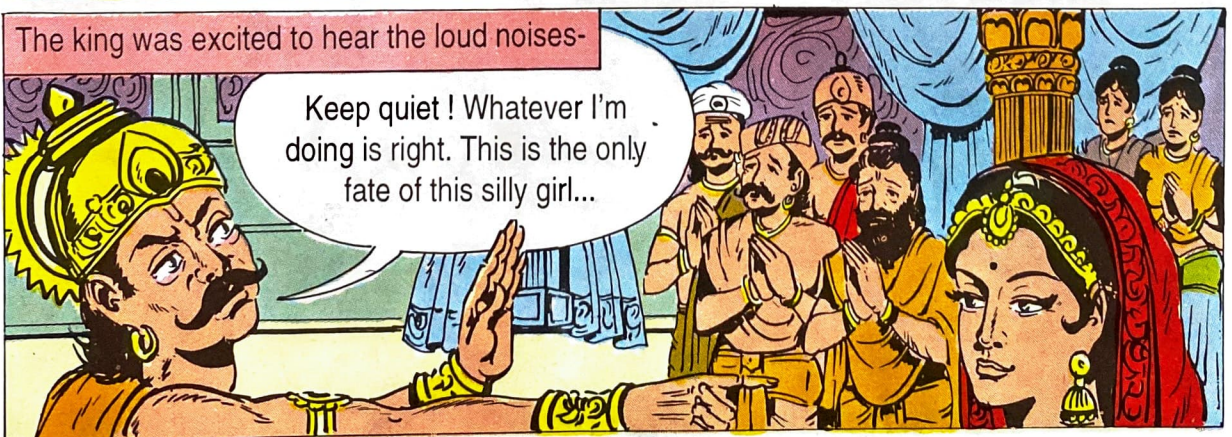
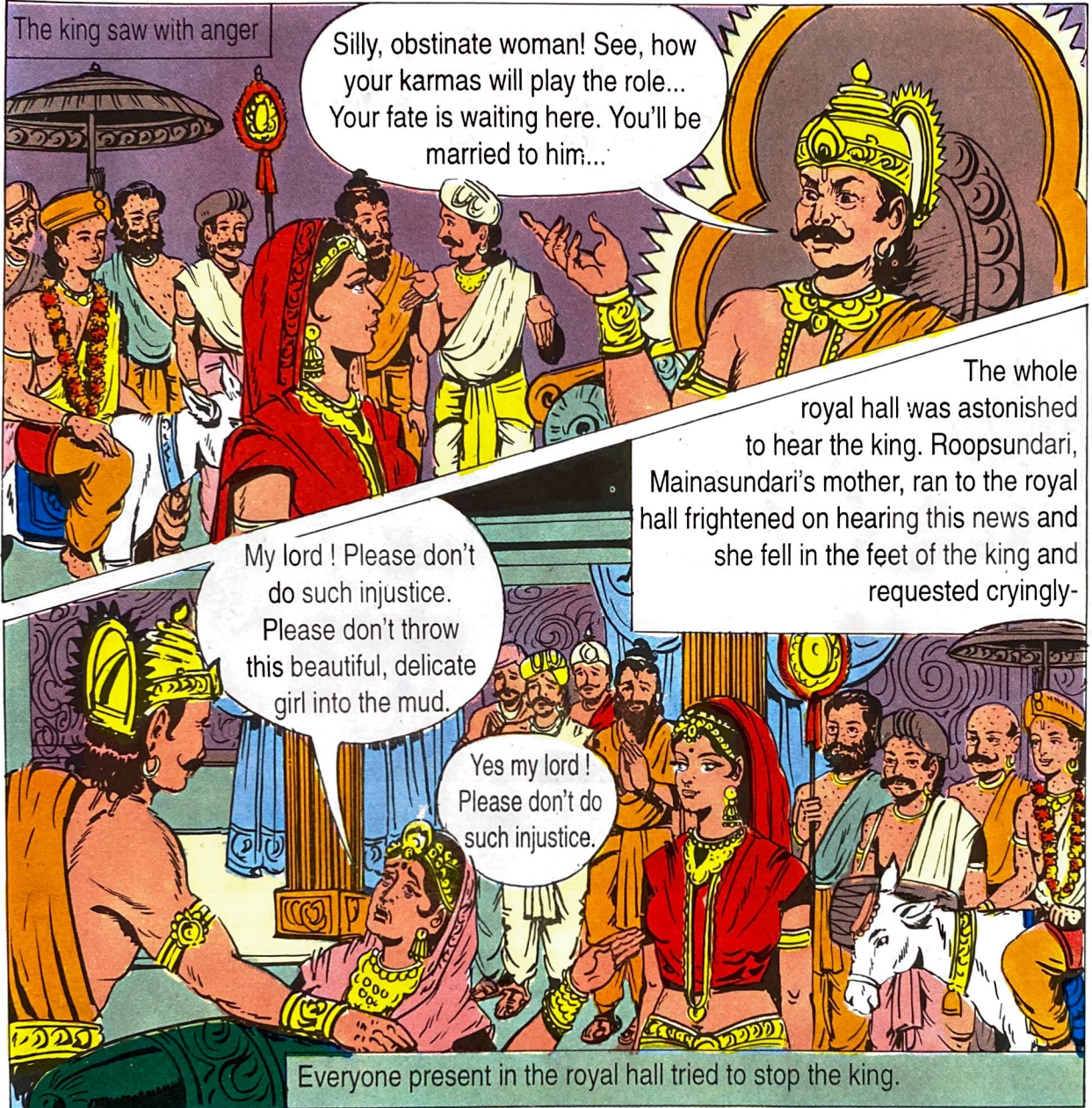
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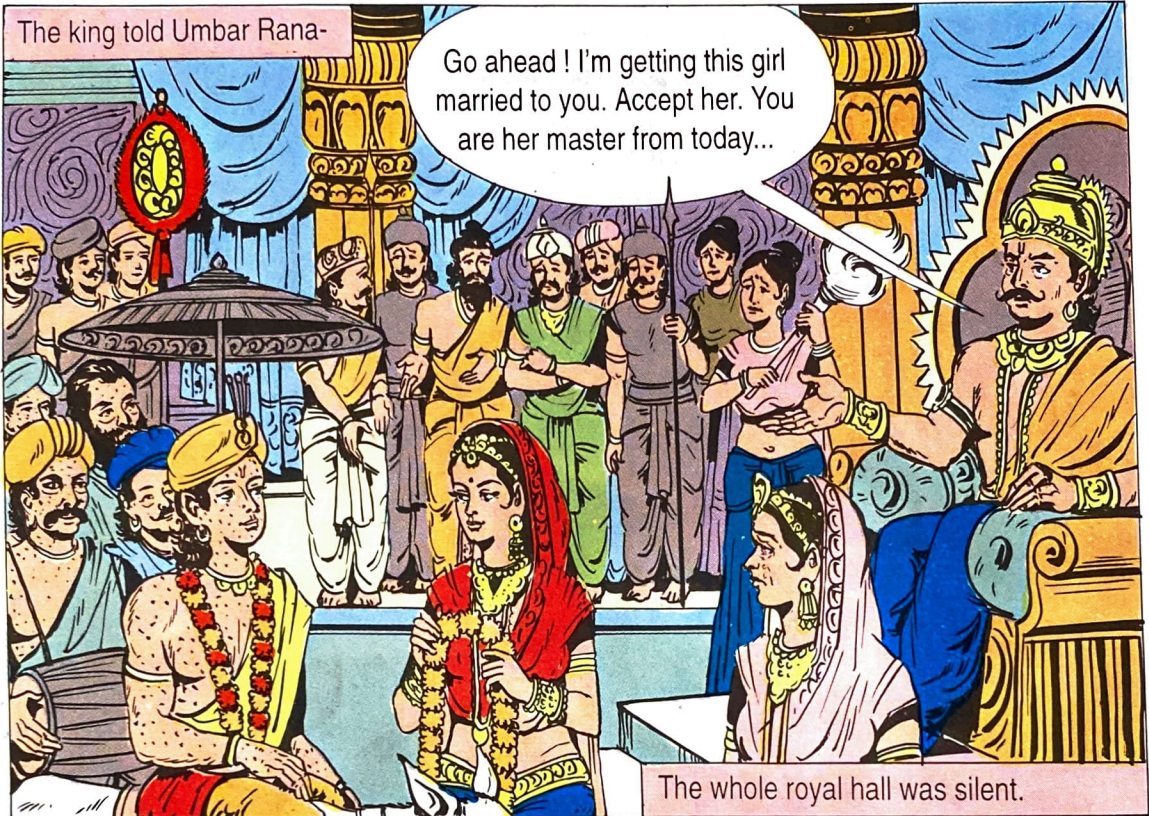
The next day leprous people dressed Umbar Rana as a bridegroom and reached the royal hall singing and dancing.



After seeing the bridegroom and accompanying people, the king ordered to bring Mainasundari to the royal hall after preparing her as a bride. When Mainasundari came, the king's eyes became red with anger and pride on seeing her.








Umbar Rana moved ahead in a very sad atmosphere. Maina put the garland in leprorous Shreepal's neck very naturally. The music began. Everyone viewing had tears in eyes.




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The king gave them an old, damaged, building to stay. When Mainasundari came near Shreepal at night to bow down, then Shreepal said with hesitation-

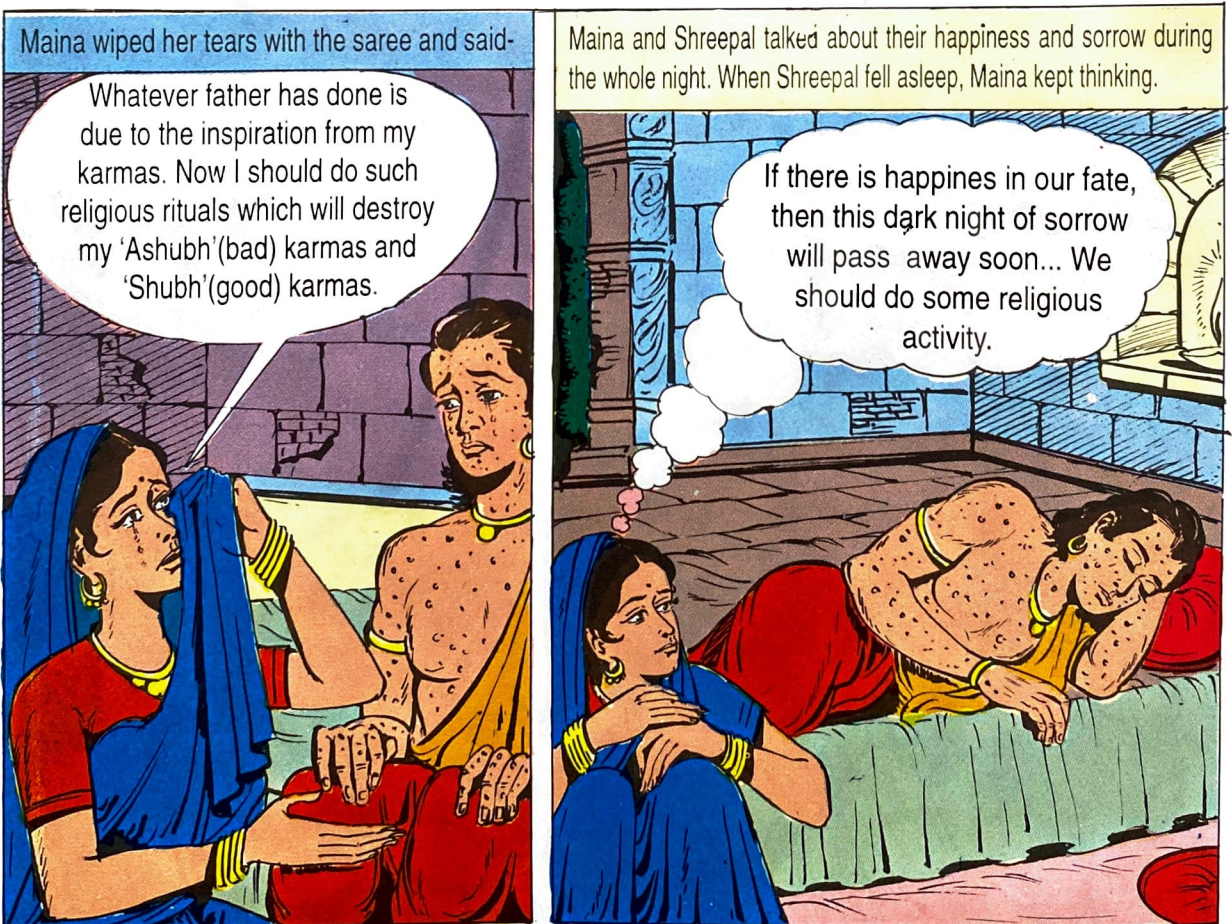


No! No! Please don't touch me! Due to my touch your golden body will be ruined. You stay away from me happily...

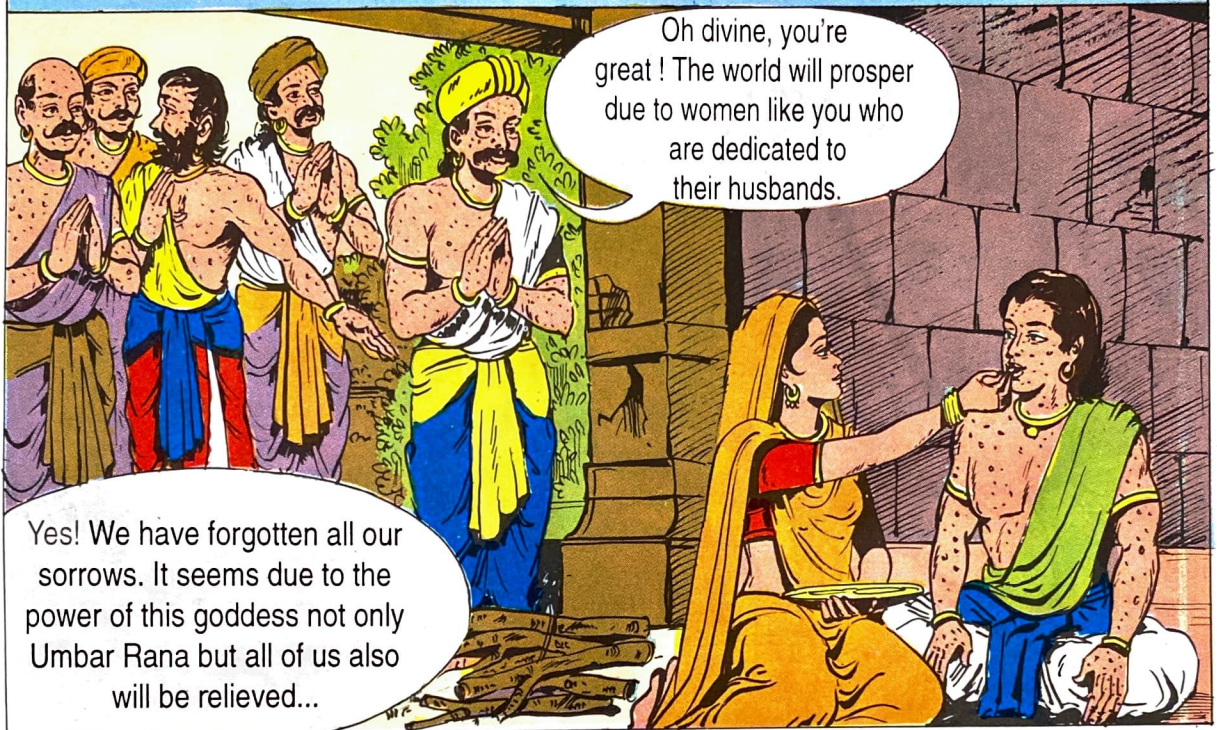
Maina put her hand on Shreepal's mouth and said-



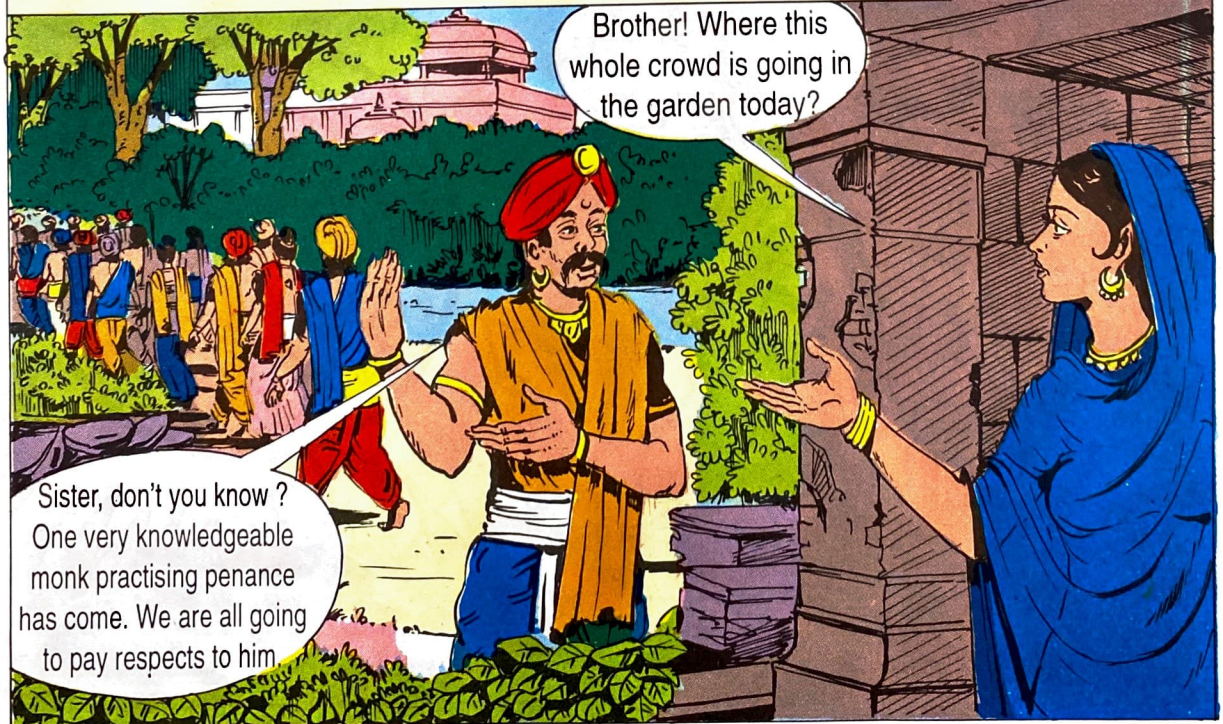
No, No master! Please don't say such bad words. Wife stays with husband like a shadow.. Now both of our happiness and sorrow are one.



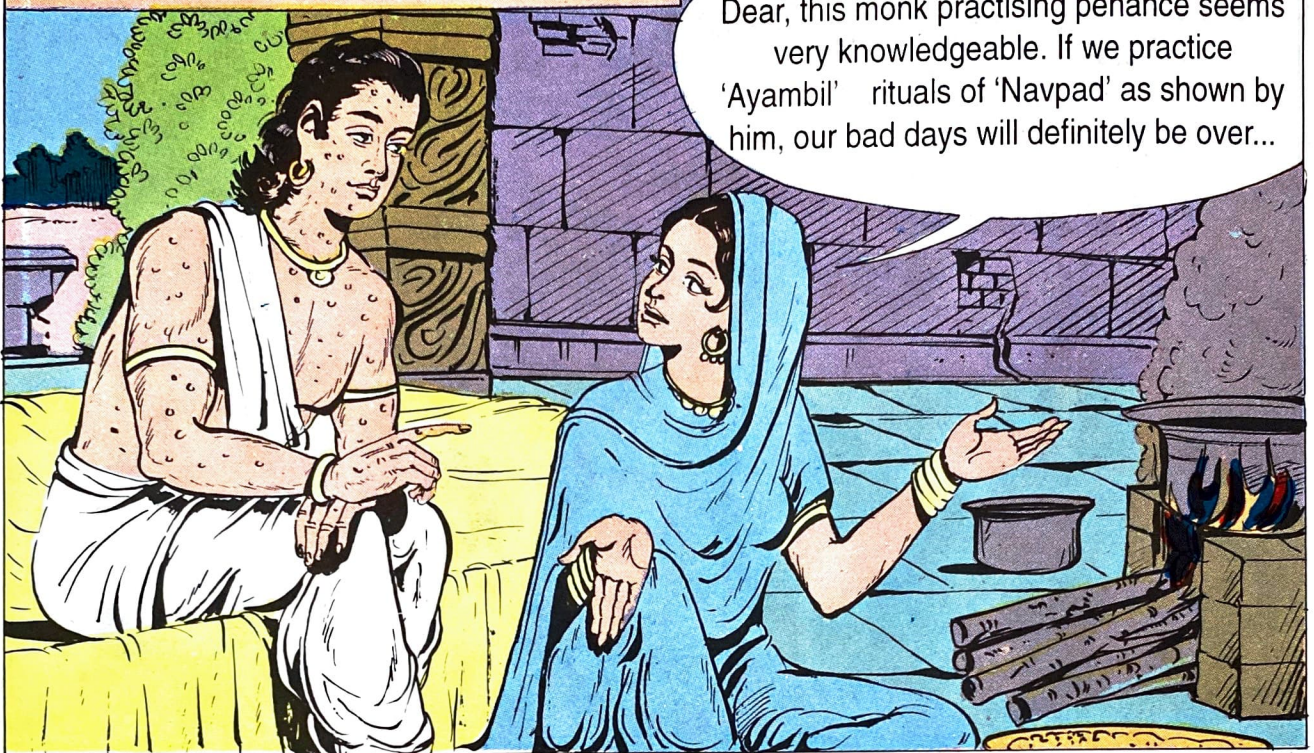
Next day Mainasundari got up early in the morning. She brought wooden sticks from the nearby forest and cooked meal by herself and fed Shreepal. When the leader of leprous saw this, he said in tragic emotional tone-



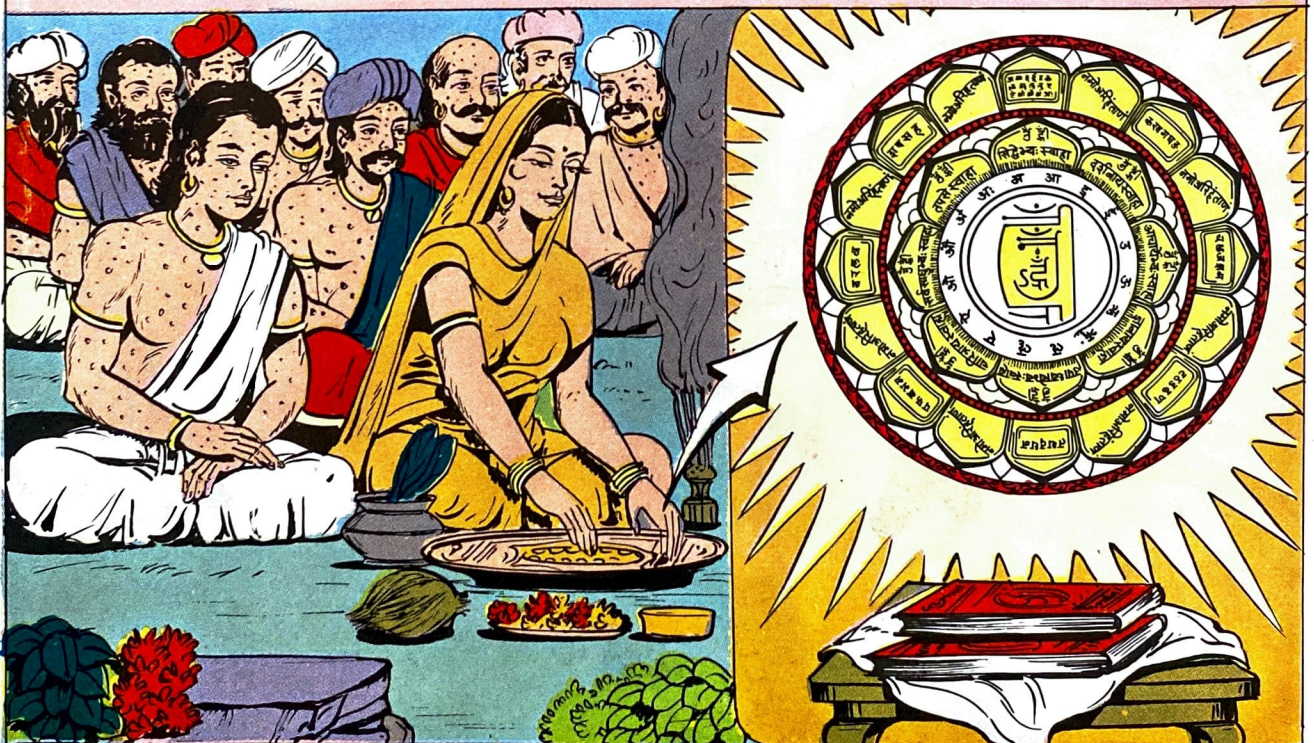
A knowledgeable monk practising penance arrived at the same garden outside the city where a group of leprous people were staying. Seeing people coming and going, Maina asked a passer by-



Maina and Shreepal also went to the monk and told about their problem. The monk suggested them to worship 'Navpad'*. Maina learned the worshipping rituals and returned to their damaged ruin building outside the garden.



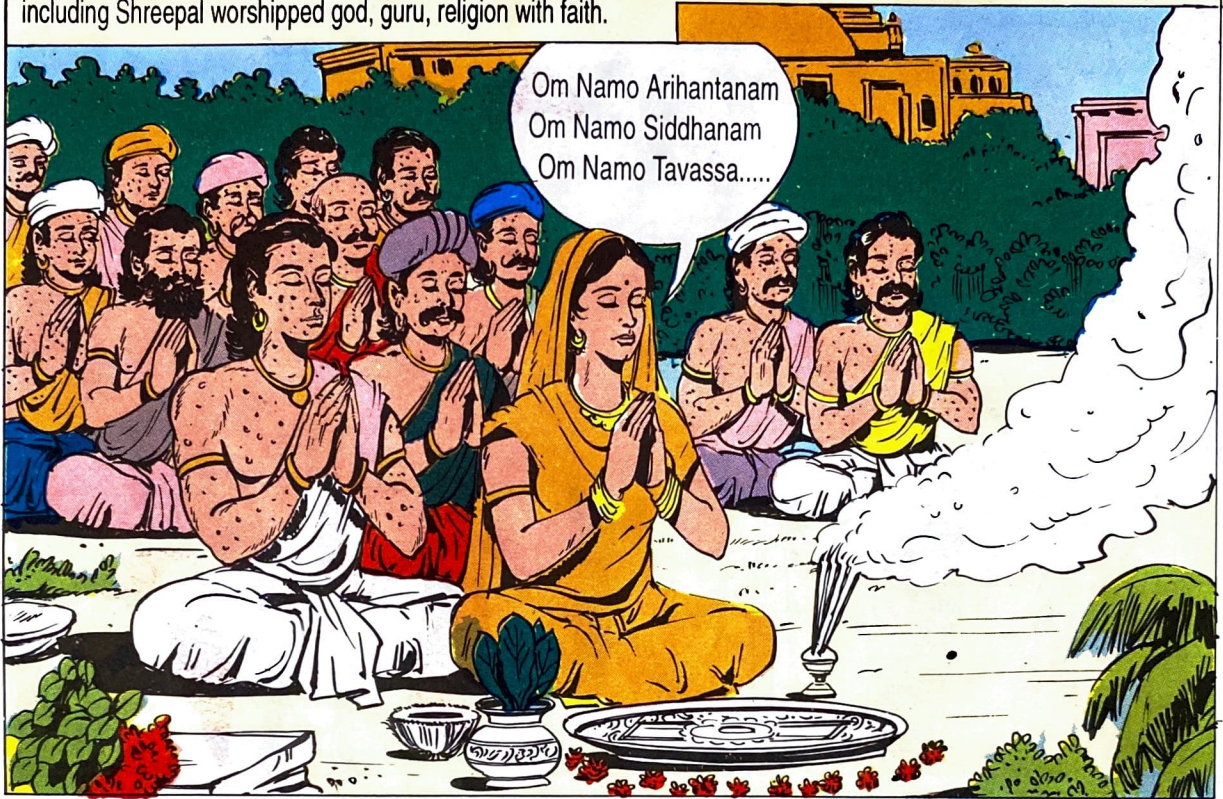
Both of them initiated worshipping Navpad from the seventh day of the bright half of Asho month. One shravak arranged for their Ayambil.



* * Explanation of Navpad (Siddhachakra) is on page 32.

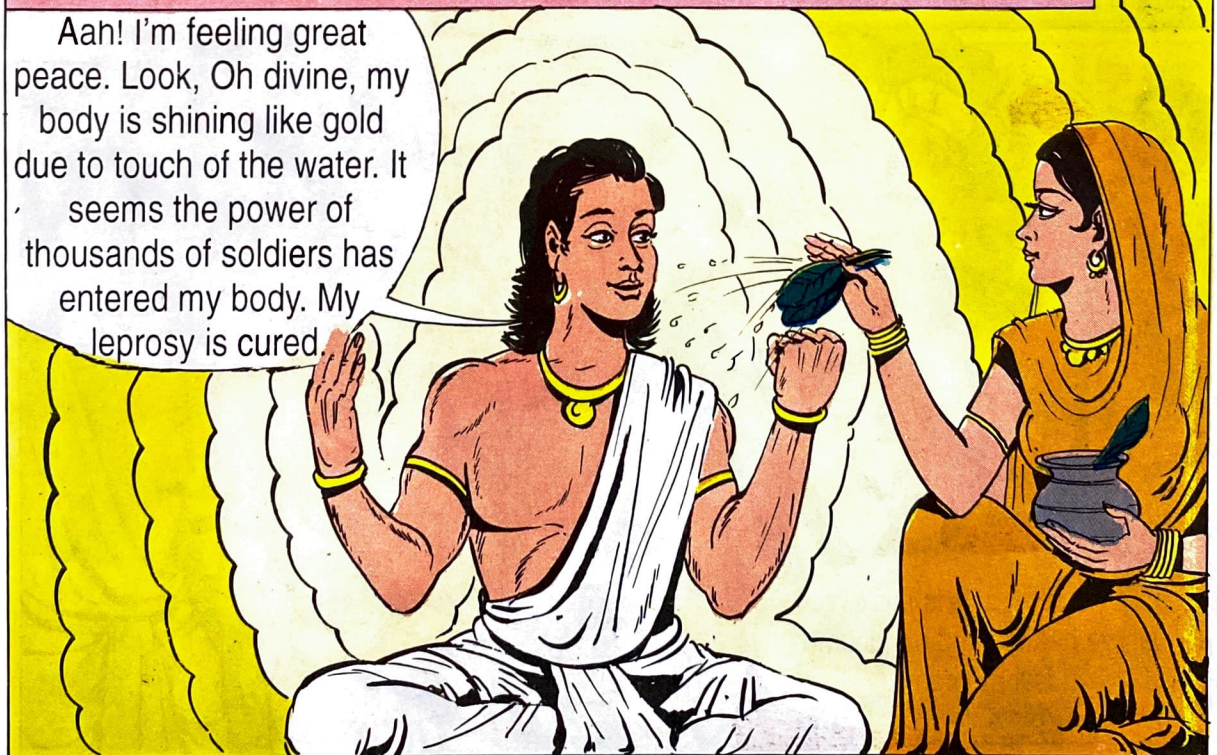
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For nine days uninterrupted worshipping of Siddhachakra and Navpad continued along with ayambil.* All the lepers including Shreepal worshipped god, guru, religion with faith.



On ninth day Mainasundari sprinkled the water used in the Siddhachakra pooja over Shreepal. Shreepal said-

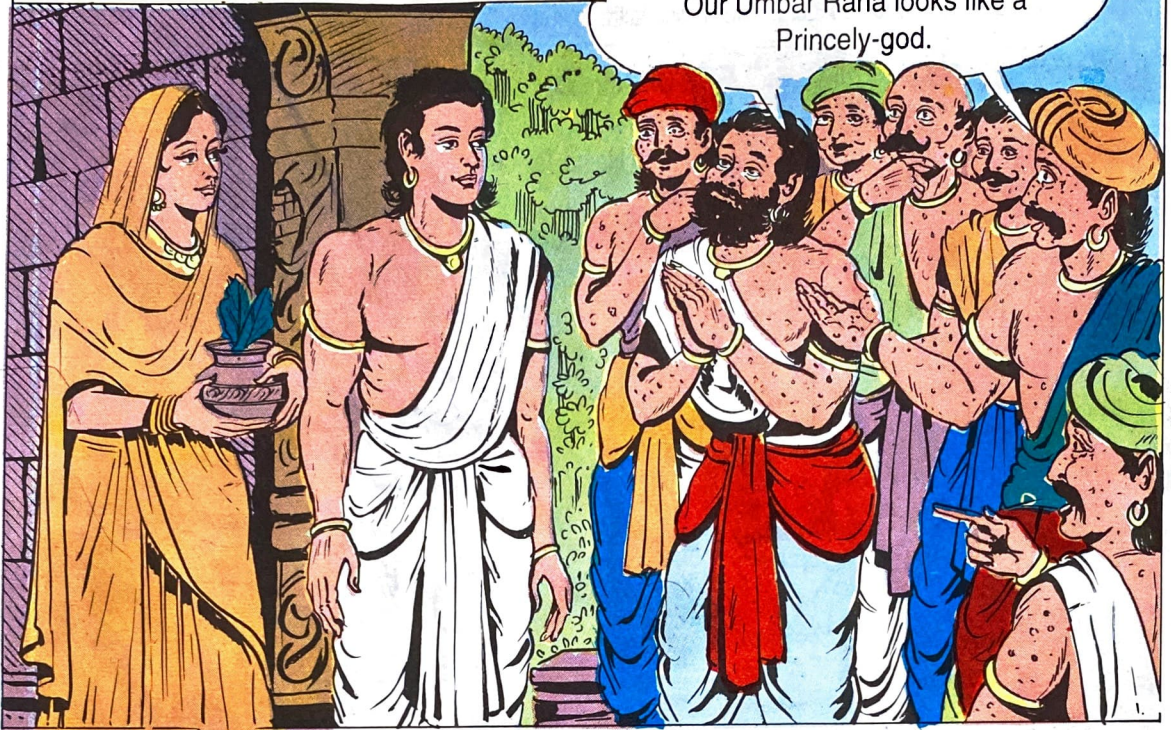
Aah! I'm feeling great peace. Look, Oh divine, my body is shining like gold due to touch of the water. It seems the power of thousands of soldiers has entered my body. My leprosy is cured.



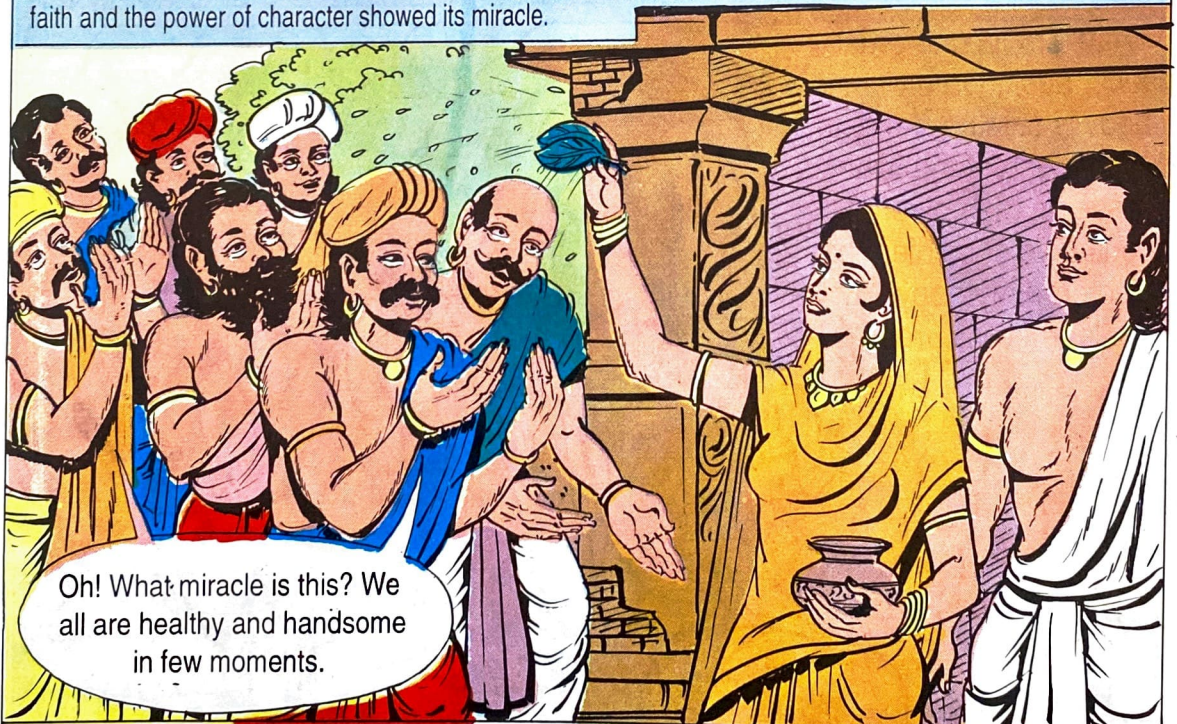
* A .ambil = In the whole day, to eat only one type of grain once which is without salt and any oil or ghee.

On hearing Shreepal all the lepers gathered together.

Look, true worship has done the miracle!
Our Umbar Rana looks like a
Princely-god.



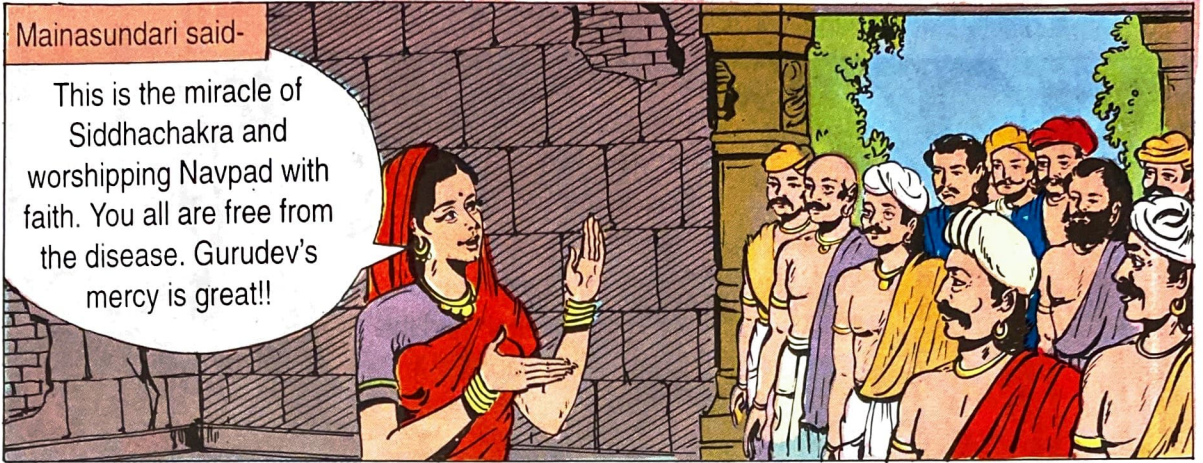
Mainasundari sprinkled the water of Siddhachakra on the body of all the lepers. Worshipping, self discipline, faith and the power of character showed its miracle.



Oh! What miracle is this? We
all are healthy and handsome
in few moments.

Mainasundari said-

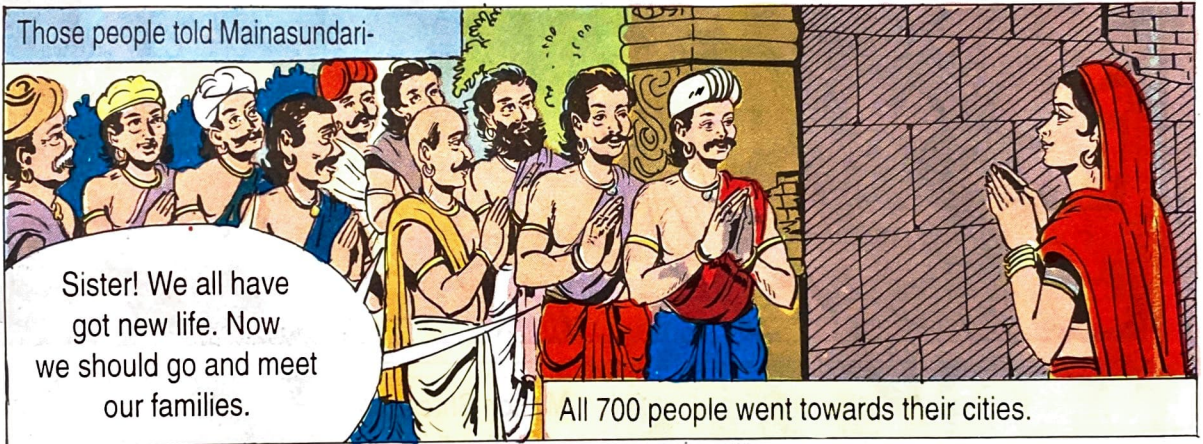
This is the miracle of Siddhachakra and worshipping Navpad with faith. You all are free from the disease. Gurudev's mercy is great!!



Those people told Mainasundari-

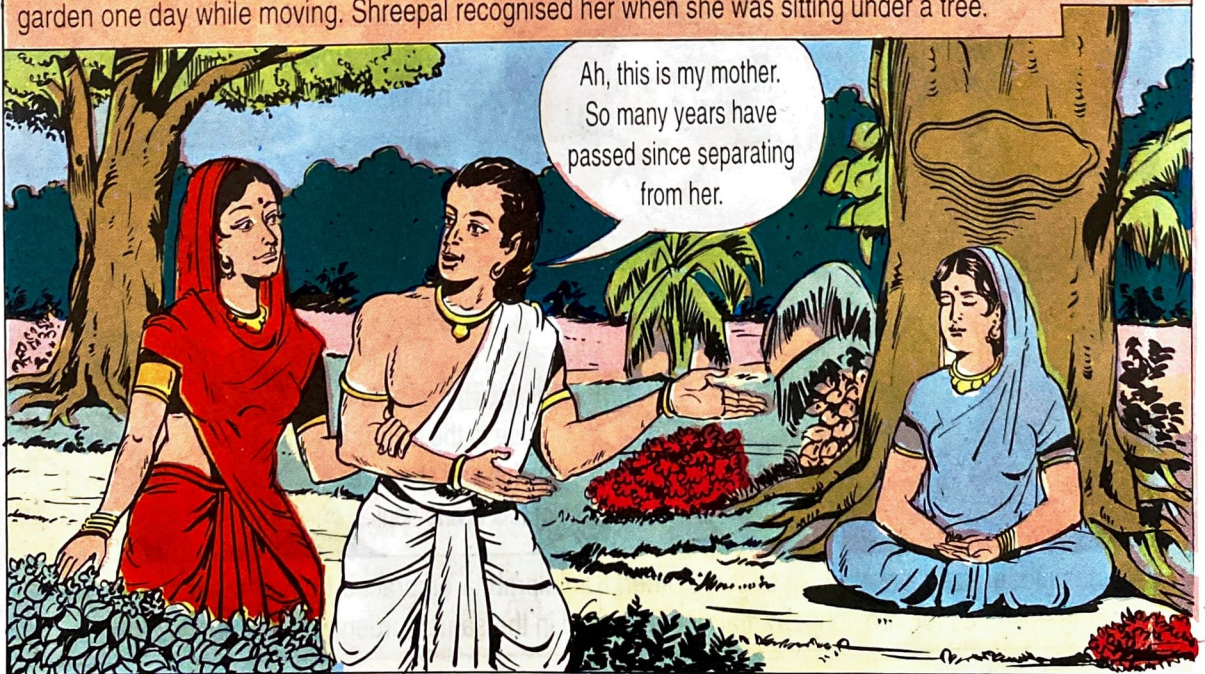
Sister! We all have got new life. Now we should go and meet our families.

All 700 people went towards their cities.

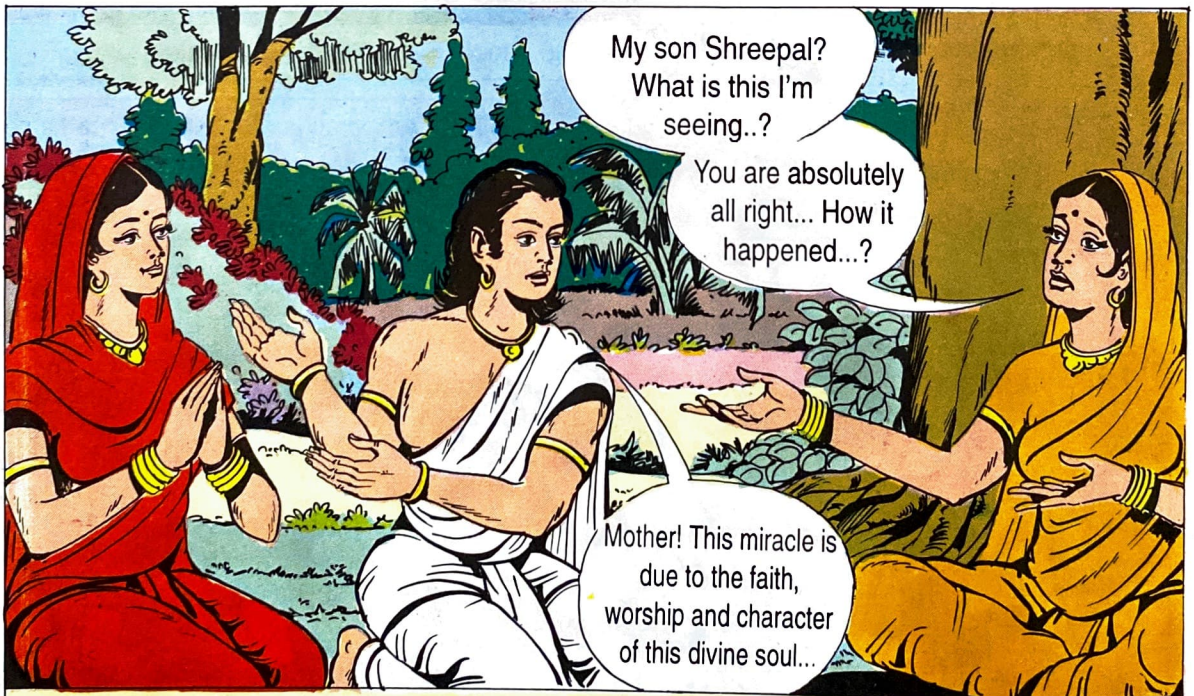
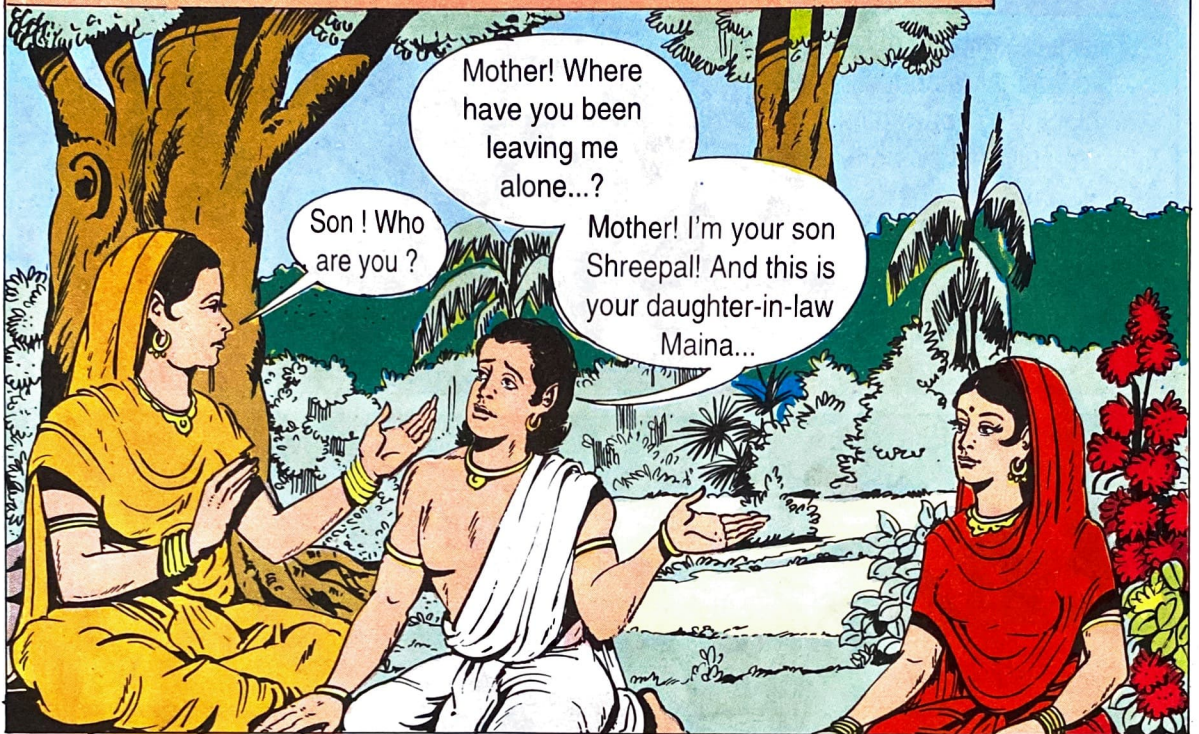


Maina-Shreepal stayed in the same garden. Shreepal's mother, Kamalprabha also reached the same garden one day while moving. Shreepal recognised her when she was sitting under a tree.

Ah, this is my mother. So many years have passed since separating from her.



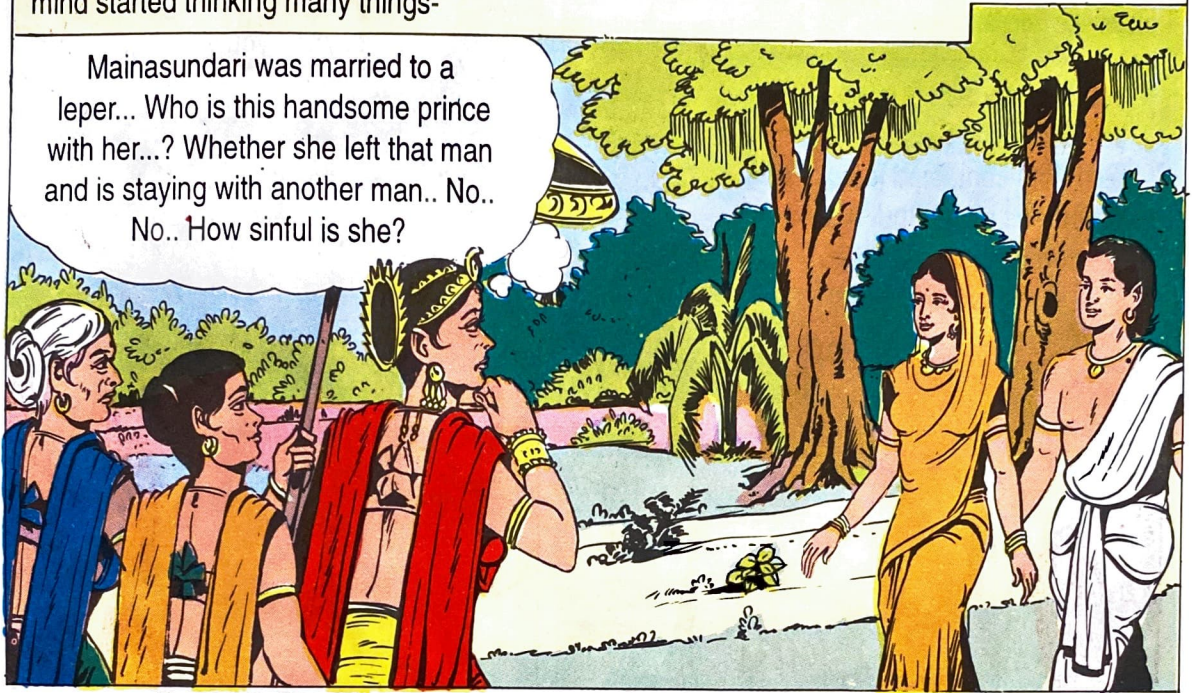
Shreepal reached nearer and held his mother's feet. Kamalprabha was hesitant-



Mainasundari also bowed down to the mother. Kamalprabha embraced both of them. They told each other their stories for very long. Kamalprabha stayed in the same garden with Shreepal-Mainasundari.

One day when Shreepal-Maina were returning after paying their respects to the monk, they saw queen Roopsundari on the way. The queen saw Maina with a handsome, divine man and her mind started thinking many things-

Mainasundari was married to a leper... Who is this handsome prince with her...? Whether she left that man and is staying with another man.. No.. No.. How sinful is she?



Maina ran towards mother on seeing her-

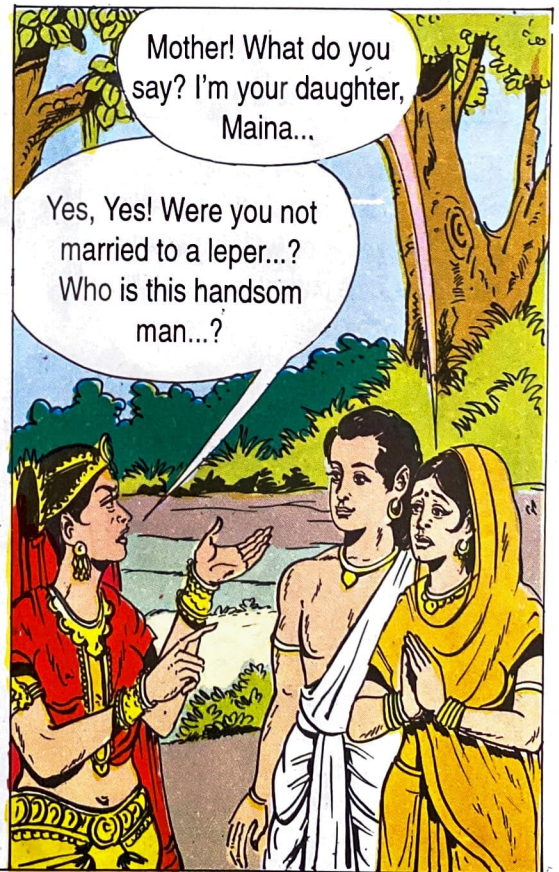
Mother! Mother!
How come you
are here...?

Oh blemished one!
Don't show me your
dirty face... Don't
even touch me...



Mother! What do you
say? I'm your daughter,
Maina...

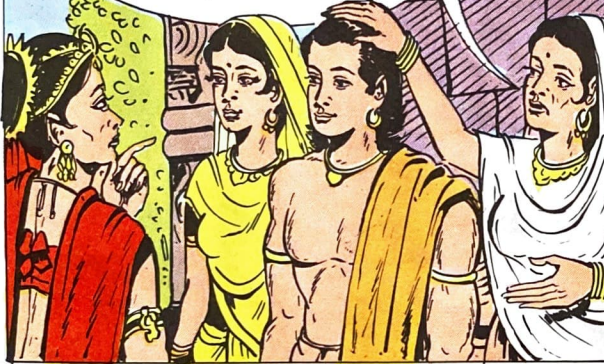
Yes, Yes! Were you not
married to a leper...?
Who is this handsom
man...?



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Maina understood the hatred of her mother. She brought her to her house. On Maina's request Kamalprabha told the queen Roopsundari-

This is my son Shreepal... The son of the king Sinhara of Champa city. He contacted leprosy from leprous people but now he is completely fine due to your daughter's luck.



Roopsundari asked Maina to forgive her.

Daughter! Please forgive me. I blamed you wrongly.

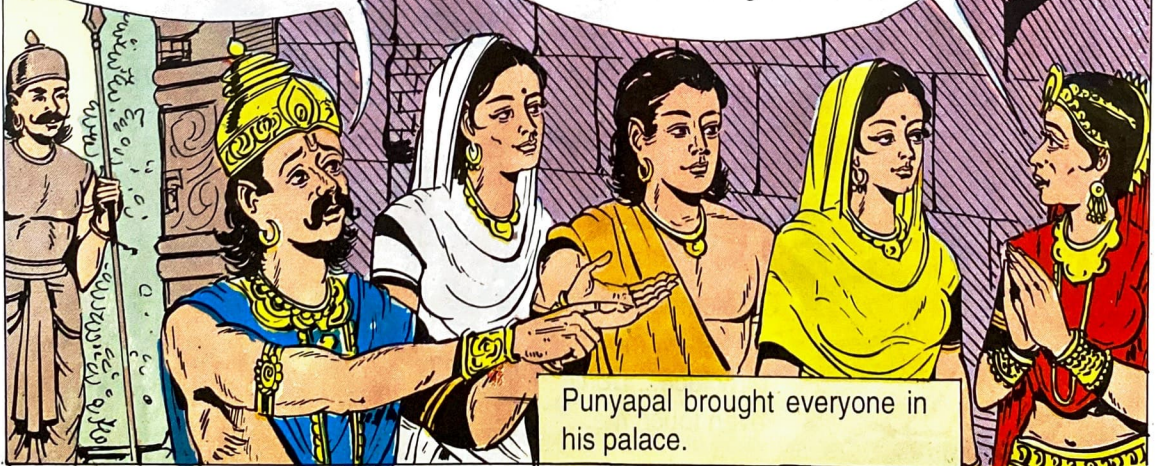
No mother! It happens...



By then, Mainasundari's uncle, King Punyapal also reached there in search of his sister Roopsundari. Maina told him the whole story. He said-

Daughter, on the day you left, your mother also left the palace and came to me. She keeps on weeping in your memory. Come daughter, we all will stay in the palace together.

Daughter, today I've forgotten all my sorrow. Someone has said truly, the sun of happiness rises only after the night of sorrow

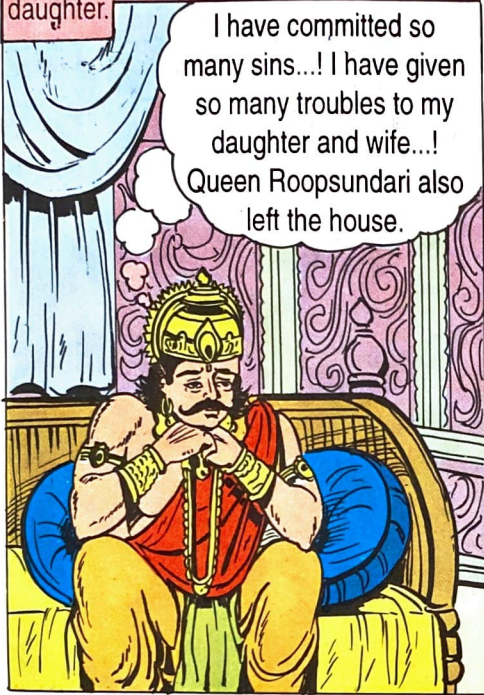


Punyapal brought everyone in his palace.

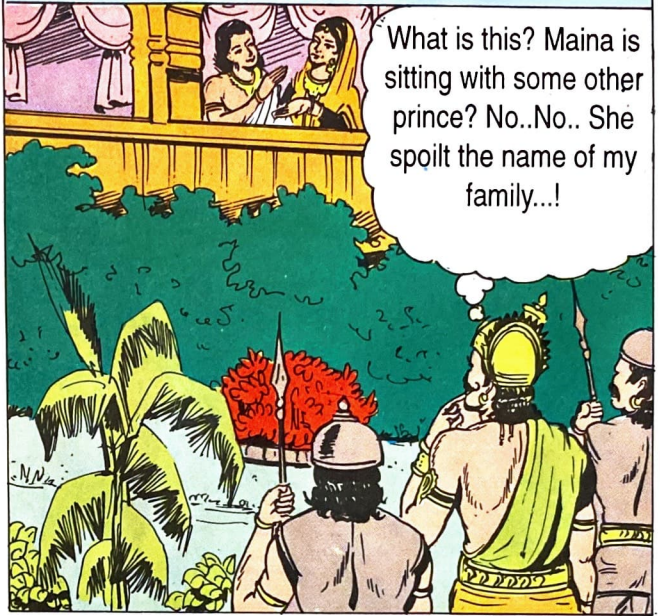
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Here King Prajapal was regretting day and night on the unjust done towards her daughter.

I have committed so many sins...! I have given so many troubles to my daughter and wife...! Queen Roopsundari also left the house.



One day the king was moving in the garden, and he saw up towards Punyapal's palace. In the palace's window, Mainasundari was sitting with her husband, laughing and talking. King Prajapal became very serious.

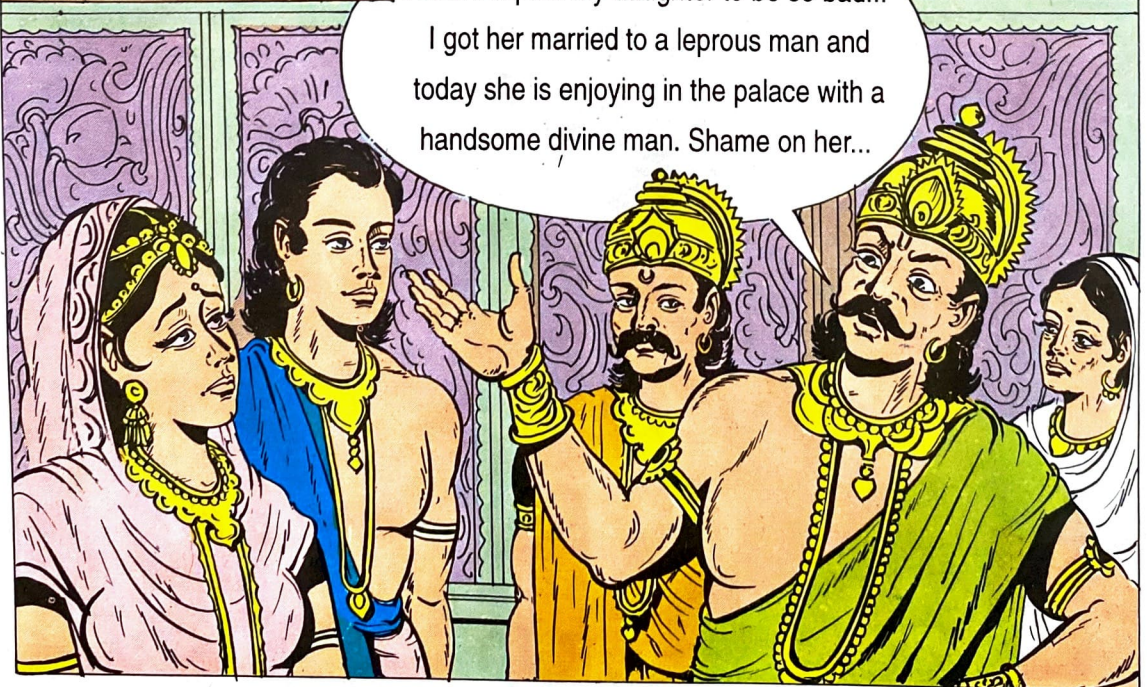


What is this? Maina is sitting with some other prince? No..No.. She spoilt the name of my family...!

Many bad thoughts occupied his mind and in excitement King Prajapal entered the palace of Punyapal. He called Maina and started scolding her-

I didn't expect my daughter to be so bad...

I got her married to a leprous man and today she is enjoying in the palace with a handsome divine man. Shame on her...



Everyone smiled hearing the king. Punyapal said-

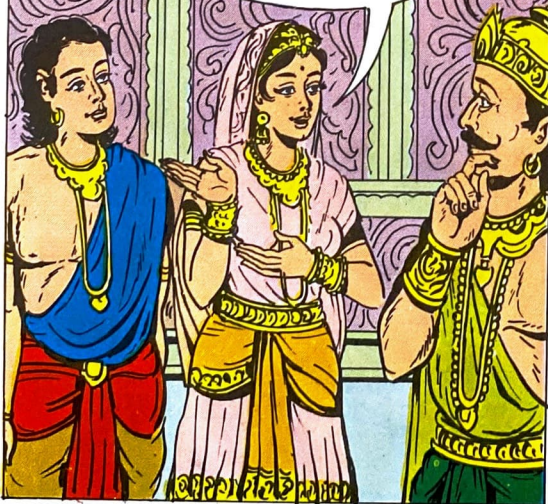
My lord ! What are you talking about?
This is not any other man but he is the
same leprous Umbar Rana, who actually
is the son of king Sinharath of Champa
city, Shreepal.

Oh...! Really..? What's
all this mystery?



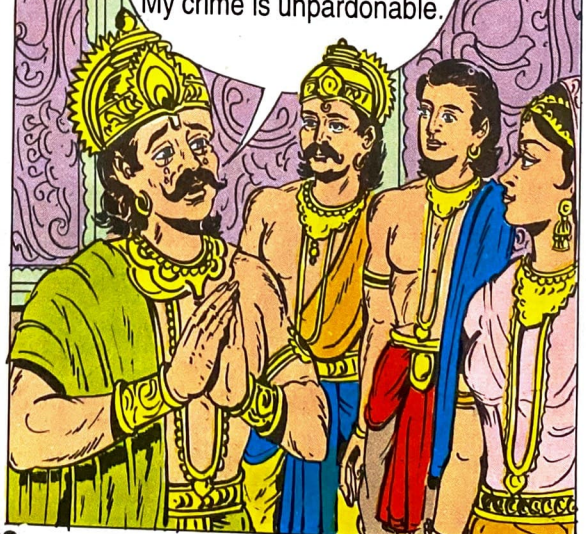
Mainasundari told him the whole story-

Father! If you would not have
married me to him this would not
be possible. It takes no time to
change the picture of the destiny
with the power of religion..!



The king's eyes were wet with tears of happiness
on hearing Mainasundari-

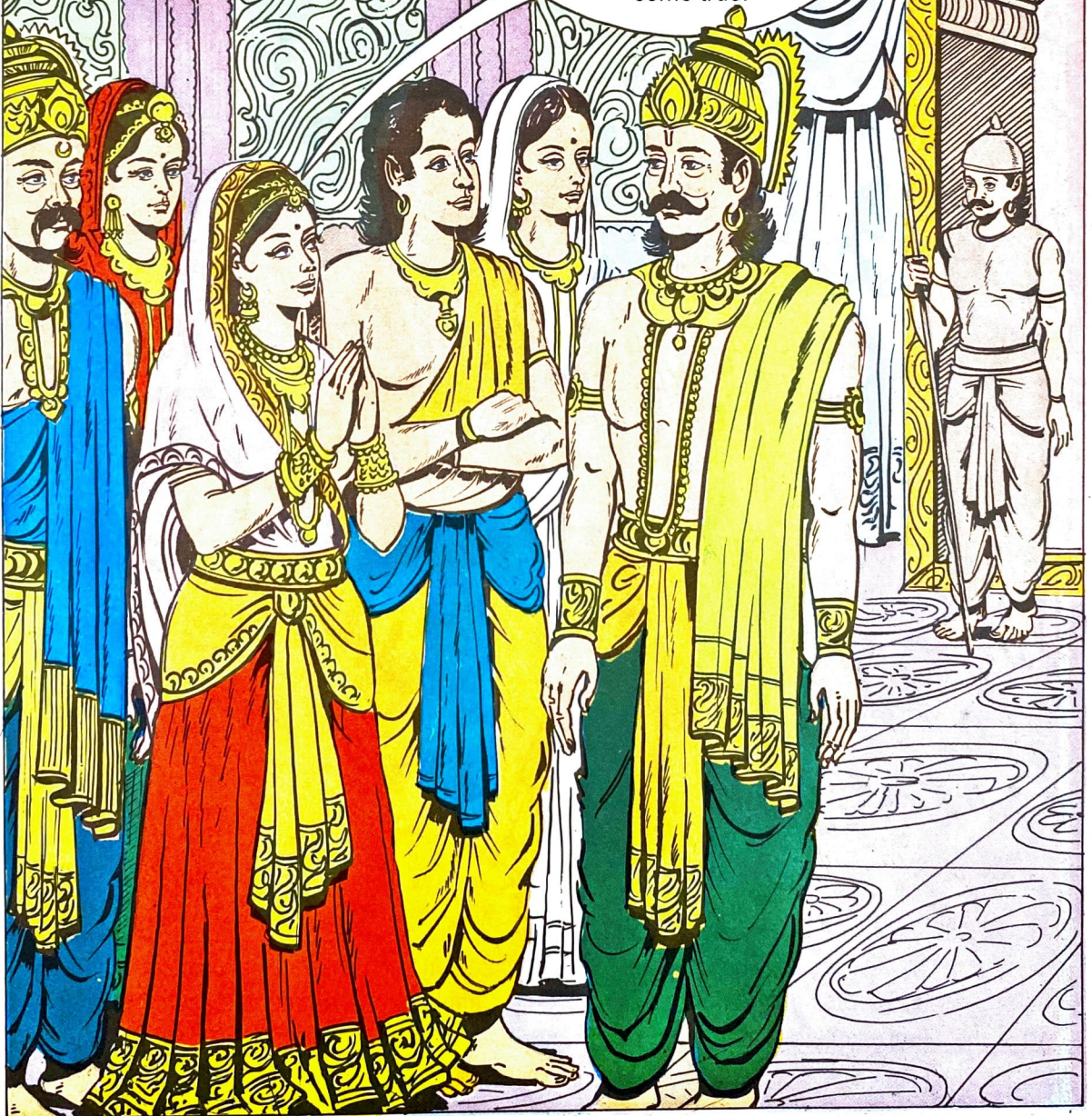
Daughter, you are great,
who considers her father's
injustice as an obligation...
My crime is unpardonable.



Mainasundari said-

Father! You have obliged me. That's why I got such a husband. I could know the secrets of worshipping Navpad and Siddhachakra Mahamantra. Due to worshipping it and meditating on it our misery is relieved. That's why I want to request you all-

Now please forget all the past events and worship Navpad Oli in the next Chaitra month. With its worship all the wishes will come true.



Prajapal accepted Mainasundari's request. Next day King Prajapal brought Shreepal-Mainasundari to his palace with grand celebration. Whoever heard about this miracle of worshipping Navpad said "It's great !".



Due to worshipping Navpad, Shreepal's leprosy got cured and he achieved lots of strength, wealth, and prosperity. According to Shreepal-Mainasundari Charitra (story), Shreepal becoming the king and many other exciting, miraculous events are described in detail in the story which is an independent subject of the book by itself. We'll try to publish it in the coming issue.

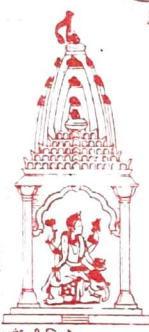
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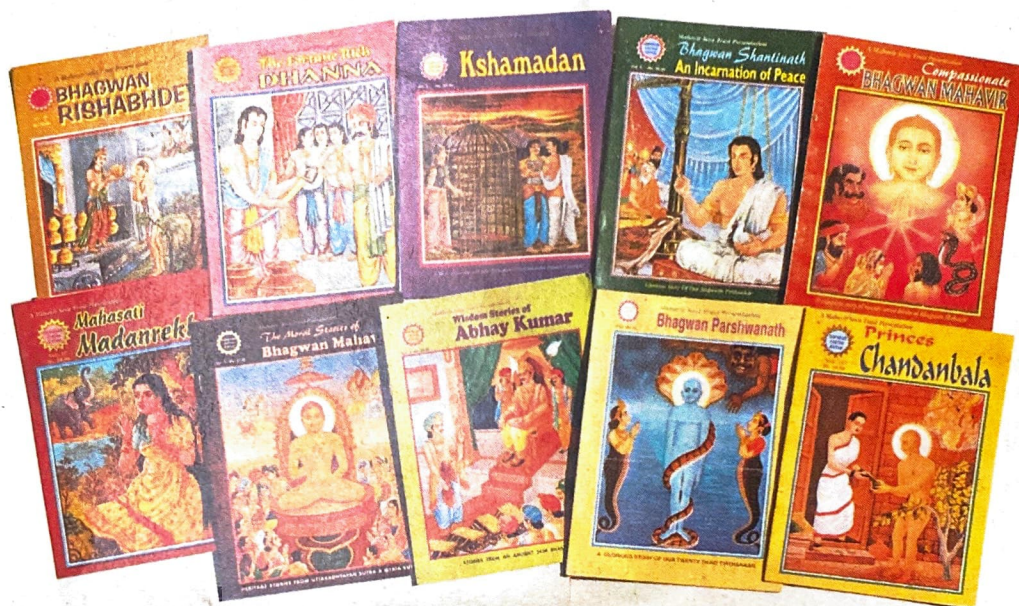
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